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## Bonn and Russia Begin Talks on Reducing Force

By Anthony Astrachan  
W. Dec. 8 (AP).—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and German Ambassador Helmut Allardt met for 90 minutes at negotiating a possible treaty for the mutual renunciation of force.

German diplomat later characterized the talk at the Soviet ministry as "businesslike and favorable." No date was set for the next meeting on the treaty, although another is on. Officially, both sides have been eager for a mutual renunciation of force for years, but mutual hostility and fear prevented these hopes from being realized until the Russians decided to regard the new Bonn government of Willy Brandt as "realistic" in its foreign policy.

## n Said Offer Poles 10 Million

de H. Farnsworth

W. Dec. 8 (NYT).—Diplomatic sources said West Germany has offered the equivalent of 10 million in long-term credits to Poland in exchange for the purchase of West German equipment over five years. The credit package would be long-term trade agreement. West Germans are negotiating with the Poles in Bonn Wednesday. Eastern European countries are anxious to buy West German equipment and machinery to industrial efficiency. Exports are needed because of shortage of hard currency.

These sources said the mission had been far larger amount than million offered by Bonn. It is not clear what the amount would be, but it would be a major undertaking by Bonn to improve political relations with Poland.

It would be made under a loan and insured by the West German government. The loan would be repayable in 10 to 20 years after they are repaid.

On the other side, Bonn has made a renunciation-of-force treaty a key to its general approach with the East. In particular, the Brandt government considers it a key to persuading the Russians to give up any right to intervene in the affairs of Central Europe.

Through 1968, the Russians usually took the position that the renunciation of force would not mean renunciation of the right to intervene. Last January, however, the Russians reportedly told Bonn that the relevant clauses of the UN Charter were of "no practical significance" at present. The right to intervene has been mentioned only rarely, if at all, since.

U.S. Notes Satisfaction  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP).—The State Department expressed satisfaction over the talks between West Germany and the Soviet Union.

## Killed as Olympic DC-6 Mountain in Greece

Dec. 8 (Reuters).—Alympic Airways DC-6 crashed on a mountain near Athens, killing all 85 passengers and five crew members.

## n Goes On for Strike

SEATTLE, Calif., Dec. 8 (AP).—A hunger strike by 100 prisoners in San Quentin State Prison is continuing on a diet of bread and water. Officials announced today that the strike was still on. The prisoners are demanding a 10-cent raise in their food. The strike has been going on since May 31.



STREET SCENE—Handcuffed and wounded, two Black Panthers lie in a gasoline station lot in Los Angeles.

## Foreign Aid Cut to Record Low in House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP).—President Nixon's foreign aid program was slashed to a new low of about \$1.6 billion today by the House Appropriations Committee, which approved another 10 percent cut. The committee's action would reduce the aid to about \$1.6 billion from \$1.8 billion. The committee's action would reduce the aid to about \$1.6 billion from \$1.8 billion.

## N.Y. Stock Prices At 3-Year Low

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (Special).—It was another bad day on Wall Street today. The Dow Jones industrial average, the most closely watched barometer of New York Stock Exchange prices, fell 7.99 points to 785.04—the lowest it has been since late 1966.

## Machine Guns Used Pitched Battle Fought in L.A. As Police Besiege Panthers

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—Militant Black Panthers, firing from their sandbagged headquarters, fought a pitched battle with more than 100 policemen here today, wounding four of them. Eight members of the Negro group finally gave themselves up after police, using loudspeakers, broadcast a third and final ultimatum to the Panthers to surrender. Ambulances were called to the scene.

## U.S. Proposes NATO Devise Program to Combat Pollution

BRUSSELS, Dec. 8 (AP).—The United States proposed today to devise with other allies in the Atlantic alliance a plan to meet the growing menace of air pollution, traffic accidents and disasters such as the pollution of oceans. The committee was given figures showing that there were 111,000 deaths a year in NATO countries in 1965 and 1966. In the United States alone, injuries from traffic accidents number 10,000 a day, according to these statistics.

## Prospects Nil At Peace Talks In Rogers' View

By Stephens Broening  
PARIS, Dec. 8 (AP).—U.S. Secretary of State William F. Rogers told French President Georges Pompidou today that the United States felt there were no prospects of agreement in the Vietnam peace negotiations.

Diplomatic sources reporting this said that Mr. Rogers was more gloomy about Vietnam during a private meeting with Mr. Pompidou than he had been at last week's session of the NATO Council in Brussels.

Mr. Rogers told his Atlantic allies that he was "pessimistic about a negotiated peace," but today he was realistically reported to have told Mr. Pompidou that the United States considered the Paris peace talks to be at a dead end.

The sources said Mr. Rogers stressed the American view that Washington had made concessions in the talks but had received none from the North Vietnamese.

As he has done before, Mr. Rogers blamed North Vietnamese inflexibility for the deadlock in the negotiations. Sources said Mr. Rogers left Mr. Pompidou with the impression that the United States was hardening its line in the peace talks.

## Viet Cong Proposes Scheme For U.S. Pullout in 6 Months

By Jonathan C. Randal  
PARIS, Dec. 8 (WP).—The Viet Cong today offered a six-month timetable for withdrawing American troops from Vietnam in an apparent effort to counteract U.S. charges that the Communists refuse meaningful negotiations at the deadlocked peace talks.

But visiting Secretary of State William F. Rogers brushed aside the offer as "nothing new," as if to drive home the Nixon administration's growing disillusionment with the talks and reliance on Vietnamization.

Although both Mr. Rogers and Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird bristled at suggestions that Washington was downgrading the negotiations, Mr. Rogers confirmed that no plans exist "for the time being" to name a successor for Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, who just retired.

Whatever the undoubted professional qualifications of acting chief of delegation Philip C. Habib, he is a career diplomat without the political prestige of either Mr. Lodge or Averell Harriman, who negotiated with the Communists here during the Johnson administration.

American Doubts  
The Viet Cong offer was made by press spokesman Ly Van San in a rare news conference apparently timed to President Nixon's own meeting with the press in Washington.

The very fact that the offer emerged from a news conference raised American doubts about its value, since a major policy change normally would have been presented at the regular Thursday peace-conference sessions in less deadlocked circumstances.

"If the United States states that it will withdraw unconditionally and in six months all American troops and other foreign troops in the American camp," Mr. San said, "the parties will discuss the calendar for these withdrawals and guarantees for security during the withdrawal."

The offer differed from the past Communist stand in its substitution of a six-month period for the previous insistence on "rapid" withdrawals. The lack of U.S. enthusiasm was based on long-standing allied rejection of Communist demands for unconditional withdrawal.

Private Offer Surfaces  
Some observers suggested that the Viet Cong was surfacing an offer originally made in the now interrupted series of private U.S.-Hanoi talks which were suspended in the worsened negotiating atmosphere which began to emerge late last summer.

Mr. San said the six-month time element was based on an otherwise unidentified statement from an American commander in Vietnam suggesting that technically the



TOPIC OF MODERN TIMES—Daniel P. Moynihan (right), President Nixon's special adviser on urban affairs, chatting yesterday in Brussels with Italian member of parliament Carlo Scaraschia Magnozza (left) and Italian Ambassador to NATO C. de Farnaz Salzano at the NATO committee meeting on the challenge to modern society.

## Reds Stage 44 Attacks In Vietnam

By Terence Smith  
SAIGON, Dec. 8 (NYT).—The enemy staged another of the periodic high points last night that have punctuated the war in Vietnam for the last several months.

A total of 44 artillery attacks were launched throughout the country against allied military installations and towns. Thirteen of the shelling were directed against American camps, killing two U.S. soldiers and wounding six, according to official reports.

This is more than double the average number of artillery attacks during the relative lull that has prevailed since the middle of August.

In addition, there was a rash of contacts last night and today between allied and enemy units in the heavy jungles northwest of Saigon along the Cambodian border. At least 87 North Vietnamese soldiers have been killed in the area during the last 36 hours, according to U.S. military spokesmen. U.S. losses were four dead and 24 wounded.

Heaviest Clash  
The heaviest clash was a two-hour battle early today in which 33 North Vietnamese regulars were reported killed by American infantrymen supported by air and artillery strikes in Tay Ninh Province, eight miles from the border. No American casualties were reported in the battle.

The general quickening of enemy battlefield activity seemed to be another of the relatively low-level, coordinated offensives that have occurred once or twice a month since late last summer.

Nonetheless, most allied intelligence officers expect the war to continue at a comparatively low level into January, interrupted only by the now customary periodic high points.

There is still considerable debate, however, as to what is likely to happen after that, as the Tet lunar New Year holiday approaches. For the last two years, Tet has been the occasion for the enemy's biggest efforts of the year.

Overwhelming Publicity Cited  
Calley Defense Asks Dismissal of Charges  
FORT BENNING, Ga., Dec. 8 (AP).—Defense attorneys today filed a motion seeking dismissal of all charges against Lt. William L. Calley Jr., charged with the deaths of 109 Vietnamese civilians, on the grounds that he could not receive a fair trial in any military court.

In the motion presented to Lt. Col. Reid W. Kennedy, the military judge in the case, the defense also charged that Lt. Calley's rights and privileges have been impaired by the "overwhelming, uncontrolled and widespread articles, accounts, and pictures carried by the world press television and radio."

The motion also said that President Nixon and Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor cannot properly discharge their responsibilities in the case because of the statements they have made concerning it.

The defense motion also asked that all witnesses in the investigation headed by Lt. Gen. William R. Peers, and all other military and civilian agencies, be made available to the defense.

Col. Kennedy scheduled a hearing for Jan. 20 to hear arguments on the motion.

Nixon Cited  
The motion cited President Nixon for a statement that the alleged My Lai massacre, in which Lt. Calley is accused of participating, was "abhorrent" to the national conscience.

Two Officers Testify  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UPI).—A special Pentagon board called two more Army officers today for secret testimony as part of its effort to determine whether there might have been a cover-up of the U.S. action at My Lai last year.



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# At TV Press Conference

## Nixon Will Not Announce New Vietnam Withdrawals

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—The White House said today that President Nixon will not announce another withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam tonight when he holds his first televised press conference in two-and-a-half months.

White House officials had been discouraging speculation that the President planned to announce another troop cutback.

Presidential spokesman Ron Ziegler made it official when he said: "The President will not announce a troop withdrawal at the press conference."

Mr. Ziegler also confirmed that President Nixon will make no opening statement when he goes before television cameras at 8 p.m. EST (1000 GMT) tomorrow, but will immediately take reporters' questions.

Mr. Nixon will almost certainly be questioned closely on the alleged

massacre of South Vietnamese civilians in My Lai by a U.S. infantry company in March of last year.

Mr. Nixon worked alone today at his mountain retreat at Camp David, Md., preparing for the press conference—the first no-questions-barred meeting he has held with newsmen since Sept. 26.

The President had no appointments for today and the White House said he would not return to Washington until this afternoon, just a few hours before the press conference.

Mr. Nixon has so far withdrawn just over 60,000 American troops from Vietnam.

He has said that his three criteria for more withdrawals are progress in the Paris peace talks, a reduction in enemy battlefield activity and improvement in the fighting ability of the South Vietnamese.

### Asked on Conditions

After stating that the President did not plan to announce another troop withdrawal, the White House press secretary was asked whether this meant none of the three conditions laid down by Mr. Nixon is being met.

Mr. Ziegler replied: "I did not say that."

The press secretary added that when another substantial withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam is to be made the President will announce it.

Mr. Ziegler declined to answer when asked whether this announcement would come before the end of the year.

Mr. Ziegler also said that no date had yet been set for naming a successor to Henry Cabot Lodge, who recently resigned as chief peace negotiator in Paris and returned to the United States at the weekend.

The press secretary said Mr. Nixon was in the process of selecting a replacement and would make an announcement "at the appropriate time."

### 3,800 More Troops Depart

SAIGON, Dec. 8 (UPI).—U.S. headquarters said today that 3,800 American servicemen have left Vietnam in addition to the 60,000 involved in President Nixon's pull-out program, reducing American troop strength to its lowest level in 25 months.

The troop strength report said 4,300 U.S. servicemen left the war zone last week to drop the number of troops in Vietnam to 475,000, the lowest since November, 1967.

It meant the number of war zone troops is 8,800 lower than the 484,000 ceiling authorized by the President once his two-phase withdrawal of 60,000 men is completed by Dec. 15.

Deputy Defense Secretary David Packard said Friday that withdrawals of American troops "are going to continue" in line with the progress made in the program to turn over the war to the South Vietnamese.

## Senate Asked To Repeal Its Tonkin Stand

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP).—Sen. Charles Mathias proposed today that Congress repeal the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, prod Saigon toward reform, and endorse President Nixon's "plan for accelerated withdrawal of all American forces from South Vietnam."

The Maryland Republican advocated those steps as part of a foreign policy resolution aimed at "clearing away the debris of cold war dogmas."

In a speech prepared for the Senate, Sen. Mathias proposed repeal of a package of past congressional resolutions.

Sen. Mathias called the Tonkin measure, cited by former President Lyndon B. Johnson as authority for the step-up in U.S. involvement in Vietnam, as "the most questionable of all."

He said the resolution which followed claims of North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. ships in the Gulf of Tonkin, "apparently authorized an overwhelming and substantially ineffectual extension of the Vietnam war into the North through bombing."

"As long as the resolution remains on the books, it may be interpreted as authorizing further attacks," he said.

The Mathias resolution would have Congress declare support for Mr. Nixon's efforts at a political solution in Vietnam and for the administration's troop-withdrawal program.

It also would urge representatives of all political, religious and racial groups in South Vietnam to begin discussions "designed eventually to produce a new broadly based government—a government that can survive our departure and prevent resumption of the conflict."

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withdrawal could take place in three or four months.

He hinted that withdrawing U.S. or Australian troops would enjoy the same offer renouncing attack which his delegation made yesterday concerning the departure of the 2,000-man Philippine welfare and reconstruction force.

Mr. Laird told the press that the Nixon administration was determined to push ahead with the "alternative" of Vietnamization in the face of "little progress made at the negotiating table so far."

He argued that Vietnamization "strengthens the Vietnamese capability to defend themselves" and "provides an additional strong incentive to Hanoi to negotiate."

## Police Raid Panthers

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district, Augustus Hawkins, a Democrat, and five other local Negro leaders broadcast an appeal to those inside to surrender.

Shortly after they began their appeals, one Negro walked out of the building holding a shirt aloft as a white flag.

After the final ultimatum and the surrender of seven men, policemen smashed down the front doors and rushed in.

Today's shootout was the latest in a series of battles that have brought charges that the police are attempting "genocide" against the Black Panthers.

By unofficial count, 28 Black Panthers have been killed in gun battles with police since January, 1968. Clashes have taken place throughout the United States: in San Francisco, Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, Seattle, Salt Lake City, St. Louis and Sacramento.

Many other Panthers are in jail around the country on charges ranging from murder and conspiracy to illegal possession of firearms. In Chicago, where the police are currently in jail in New York for allegedly planning to blow up public places.

The latest deaths in police-Panther clashes took place last week in Chicago, when Mark Clark and Fred Hampton, two leaders in the Illinois party, were killed in what police called a ten-minute gun battle.

Black leaders in Chicago said later that an autopsy on Mr. Hampton showed that "he was murdered in his sleep." Police said he opened fire from his bed.

## Pope Paul Marks Marian Holiday With Talks, Rites

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 8 (UPI).—Pope Paul VI, deifying the "vice and corruption" of the modern world, led Roman Catholics around the world today in honoring the Virgin Mary on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

He spoke to a holiday crowd of several thousand persons in St. Peter's Square at noon. Later in the day, he drove to the Piazza di Spagna to place a wreath before a statue of the Madonna while a crowd of 10,000 persons cheered.

The feast, a national holiday in Italy, commemorates Pope Pius IX's proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854. According to this doctrine, Mary was preserved free from original sin from the moment of her conception.

The pope told the crowds in St. Peter's Square that men today "are fascinated by the images of current fashion and by spectacles that unfortunately represent occasions of passion, vice and corruption." He said that man also is faced by "the phenomenon of a licensed and spread vice which is free to the sensual and sexual provocation that obscures public opinion."

**Train Explodes in N.Y.**  
CHELSEA, New York, Dec. 8 (AP).—Liquid propane in a tank car exploded in flames and set fire to other freight cars in a derailment today in this village west of Jamestown, New York. No one was reported injured.



LAUREATES—American Nobel Prize winners at the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm before tomorrow's presentations. From left: Alfred D. Hersey, Salvador E. Luria and Max Delbrück (medicine) with Murray-Gell-Mann (physics).

## Britain Refuses to Dissociate From U.S. Over My Lai Report

By Alfred Friendly

LONDON, Dec. 8 (WF).—Prime Minister Harold Wilson refused today to dissociate Britain from American policy in Vietnam through a "premature judgment" about the alleged atrocities there.

Britain must dissociate itself from the My Lai atrocities and condemn them if the allegations turn out to be true, he told Parliament, but if that comes about "it will be in common with the Americans."

[The House of Commons backed Mr. Wilson's policy by a vote of 196 to 57, the Associated Press reported. His majority of 139 votes meant, however, that there were massive abstentions in the 630-member House. The vote came at the end of the first of a two-day vote on foreign policy.]

### Not to Judge

His thesis was that it was not for Parliament to judge the alleged atrocity story or investigate it, but for the American administration and Congress, which was already going about that task intensely and sincerely.

The point to be determined, he said, was whether the alleged massacres were "an obscene aberration... or a policy systematically followed, combined with a conspiracy to conceal." In a low key speech that was nevertheless staunchly defensive of the integrity of American intentions, Mr. Wilson left no doubt about which conclusion he himself had reached.

If the United States ended its investigations by condoning what appeared to have taken place at My Lai—a result that Mr. Wilson found "unthinkable"—then "it will lead to a crisis in Anglo-American relations. It would be a crisis from which no one in this House would shrink."

If the events occurred as a result of policy orders from even a low level, then "The Americans deserve to be told they have lost the war," he said.

Today's foreign policy session in the House was brought about by a motion from 70 Labor backbenchers calling for a change of British policy toward the American effort in Vietnam, and a second protest at Britain's continued sales of munitions to the federal government of Nigeria.

Mr. Wilson opened the debate by throwing a bone to his left-wing opponents. He declared that unless Greece had a last minute change of heart in favor of a restoration of democratic institutions, or decided voluntarily to withdraw from the Council of Europe, Britain would vote in a Paris meeting of the council this week to suspend it.

"What has happened in Greece has been an affront to every lover of Greece, to the Greek people and to democracy itself," the prime minister said.

**Nigerian Debate Upending**  
The major debate on British policy on supplying arms to the Nigerian federal government will take place tomorrow. Mr. Wilson's position was that a unilateral cessation by Britain "would not save one life" because the Soviet Union was willing and eager to supply "every ounce" of munitions that Nigeria wanted.

Mr. Wilson said he had it reconferred only last week from UN Secretary-General U Thant that it would be impossible to lay the issue before the Security Council or General Assembly. And even if the problem were put before them, it was clear that Russia would not agree to an arms cutoff, he concluded.

Although there were some angry cries and sneers from the left-leaning members during Mr. Wilson's speech, his stand on Vietnam and Nigeria appeared to meet with majority support in his own party and nods of agreement from the Conservatives. The Tories, in fact, have no basic quarrel with

## Top U.S. Adviser To Saigon Dies In Copter Crash

By Thomas J. Hamilton

SAIGON, Dec. 8 (UPI).—Military spokesmen said today that the top U.S. adviser to South Vietnamese forces in the Central Highlands was among 11 persons killed in a helicopter crash Saturday.

He was Col. George Miller, the top-ranking adviser to allied units in the II Corps tactical zone which encompasses 47 percent of South Vietnam's land area.

Spokesmen said four other Americans died when the helicopter crashed apparently due to ground fire.

The prime minister deplored the lack of progress in the Paris peace negotiations, but noted that "the advance made by the American side calls for a matching advance from the other side."

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clined to say what roles Maj. Watke and Capt. Johnson played in the March 16, 1968, action in which scores of women, children and old men allegedly were massacred at the hamlet of My Lai 4.

A part of the Song My village complex.

But Maj. Watke apparently was a ground controller for the helicopters bringing in troops. The board presumably wanted to question Capt. Johnson about a statement last week by Capt. Ernest L. Medina, commander of the company that made the Song My sweep, that faulty intelligence resulted in the deaths of at least some civilians.

At the request of Rep. Richard H. Ichord, D., Mo., Pentagon officials today showed Army photographs of South Vietnamese civilians killed during the 1968 Communist occupation of Hue, scene of some of the bloodiest action of the war in Vietnam.

"These should be made available to the press just as the photos of My Lai were made available to the world press," Rep. Ichord said. "I'm deeply concerned about the treatment of the My Lai affair by the world press."

Chairman John Stennis of the Senate Armed Services Committee and others suggested that President Nixon appoint an independent, nonmilitary commission to investigate the civilian deaths.

The powerful Mississippi Democrat said yesterday that the President "should have a competent group of outside individuals—people outside the government—outside the military—make a survey of the situation, determine what the facts are" and then report back to him.

**Special Panel Urged**  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8 (AP).—Former Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey said yesterday President Nixon should appoint a special panel similar to the Warren Commission to investigate the alleged My Lai massacre.

**U.S. House Panel  
Completes Probe  
At Marine Brig**  
CAMP PENDLETON, Calif., Dec. 8 (UPI).—A four-man congressional investigating committee concluded a two-day investigation yesterday into charges of homosexuality and white enslavement in this U.S. Marine base's brig.

The four congressmen refused to talk to newsmen and declined to reveal why they were at the base. Rep. William J. Randall, D., Maine, chairman of a House Armed Services subcommittee, told newsmen through Marine officials that there would be no statements or interviews during the visit.

The investigators toured the brig Friday and went into a closed session, which continued Saturday. Their arrival came a few days after a Charleston, S.C., newspaper reported what it said were preliminary findings of a similar investigation last summer.

The original investigation was ordered by Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, D., S.C., chairman of the House committee, after two magazine articles alleged brutality and substandard conditions in the jail.

## SALT Session Canceled by U.S. Request

By Thomas J. Hamilton

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (NYT).—The scheduled meetings today of the strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) was canceled unexpectedly at the request of the United States.

Although a well-informed source disclosed tonight that the top U.S. and Soviet negotiators probably would not meet again before Wednesday, he emphasized that the cancellation did not reflect any "breakdown" in the negotiations.

According to this source, the top negotiators, Gerard C. Smith of the United States and Vladimir S. Semenov, a Soviet deputy foreign minister, had agreed over the weekend to cancel today's meeting because more time was needed for discussions between the delegations at the working level.

Since "we are getting toward the wrap-up period," the source said, it was "very natural" for the two sides to clear up "a thousand odds and ends" before they were submitted to the principals for a final decision.

According to this source, the talks will end some time next week with a communiqué announcing the types of strategic weapons on which the two nuclear powers will seek to regulate their negotiations starting in the new year.

The final communiqué will also specify where and when the negotiations will take place. It was explained.

This official optimism, however, did not dispel apprehensions that the cancellation of the meeting indicated that an unexpected setback had developed. It was the first time since the talks began on Nov. 17 that a meeting had been canceled.

The first intimation came from the Soviet spokesman at 11 a.m. immediately after the session was scheduled to begin at the Soviet Embassy. The spokesman said that the U.S. delegation had not appeared but offered no explanation.

Then, the Soviet news agency, has not yet reported the cancellation in news stories distributed at the Helsinki press center.

The talks here are expected to end next week, assuming that the undisclosed difficulties can be removed promptly. A reliable source emphasized his belief that they would not go beyond Thursday, Dec. 18.

## Kenyatta Faces Changing Cabinet After Election

By Thomas J. Hamilton

NAIROBI, Kenya, Dec. 8 (NYT).—The government suffered a setback in Saturday's preliminary elections to Kenya's 158 parliamentary constituencies according to final election results announced tonight.

Five of the 19 government ministers, 14 of 26 assistant ministers and 93 deputies were ousted, presenting President Kenyatta with the major problem of reshaping both his cabinet and future government policies.

In areas populated by the Luo tribe, all but two of the 22 former deputies were ousted. In the Elgeyo District of Nyeri, all the former deputies were defeated. About 50 percent of the nation's electorate voted.

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## EEC Meet Lists Points To Negotiate

By Thomas J. Hamilton

BRUSSELS, Dec. 8 (AP).—The first meeting since the conference at The Hague of the six foreign ministers of the European Economic Community (EEC) today listed points to negotiate.

Reports from the other ministers indicated that the meeting had been established without much ado and in an atmosphere seemed to confirm the meeting had, indeed, injected into the community.

It mentions the area where the Common Market affected if and when from six to ten members.

It includes the final common agricultural price remains the thorniest items concerning the oil pool and Euratom; the period, which would grant the candidate areas of adapting the institutions, such as the ECU mission, the Council of the Economic and Social Affairs, and the European procedure to be followed in negotiations; and issues concerning the relations with the Common French Carry 1.

At France's insistence ministers also noted that the balance-of-payments should be discussed. Permanent representatives of the member nations to the common instructions to tackle together with the ECU mission, and submit a mission to the Council on Feb. 11.

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They will serve as the basis for negotiations on the ECU mission, which was made at The Hague, not be later than the first round of talks.

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## Court Upholds 2 Convictions In Perjury

By Thomas J. Hamilton

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP).—The Supreme Court today upheld a federal perjury conviction of a man who had testified that he had been a member of the Black Panther Party.

The ruling came in a case brought under a federal law making it a crime to make a false statement under oath.

In one case, James Earl Ray was convicted of making false statements on a form registration that the Court has ruled the cannot force a gambler to register.

The other case involved Francisco perjury. Hugh Bryson on charges of a false non-Communist oath before the National Labor Relations Board. Sentenced to jail and a heavy fine on parole after serving a year in prison.

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## Liberty Fears Anarchy S. Panel on Violence Splits Use of Civil Disobedience

By Fred Farris

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Senate panel on violence today split sharply over the use of civil disobedience as a means of achieving changes in the law.

All-white, seven-member majority in this first public division of the blue-ribbon panel decided that the nation faced an "unprecedented and continuing" civil disobedience movement in this decade, and instead that only one or two symbolic groups

## Editors Told Credit Card and Thrives

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP).—A Senate subcommittee today told editors that a \$100 credit card, a spokesman for the President's Commission on Consumer Credit Control said today.

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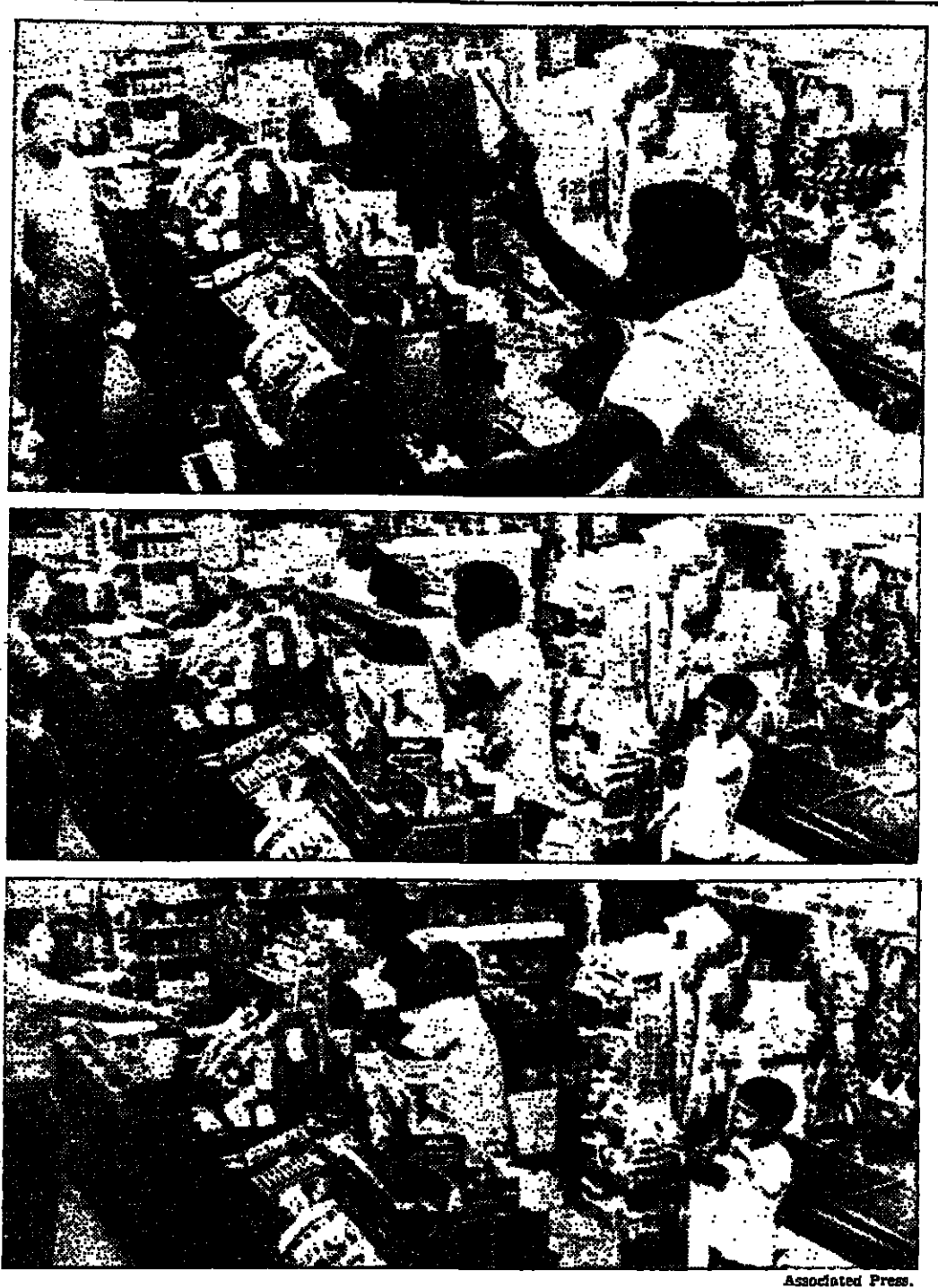
Scene was repeated in western Poland, where authorities said to people not to use their cars.

Order points between Czechoslovakia and Austria were reported to be in effect.

## Heavy Snow U.S. Midwest

YORK, Dec. 8 (AP).—The snowstorm of the season up to a foot of snow and ice in the Mississippi Valley to the north.

Minnesota, northern Illinois, Wisconsin and northern Indiana were hit.



TALE OF TWO PISTOLS—When the little boy at right grows up—if he might tell it differently, but in any case, it could not have been wilder at the movies. Here it is as the hidden camera saw it in a Los Angeles grocery store. At top, a gunman waves his pistol in a holdup attempt, then rushes up to shoot point-blank at a clerk (center), who in the meantime, has pulled out a gun from under his sweater. In the bottom picture, the clerk shoots the gunman, who is knocked back by the force of the bullet. The gunman staggered out of the store and died in the street. The clerk is recovering satisfactorily at a local hospital.

## Cabinet Hears Proposals

## White House Said to Weigh Policy on Youth

By Robert B. Sample Jr.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (NYT).—Quietly and with little public notice, the administration has been working on a policy on youth.

President Nixon spoke of his desire to create such a policy in a statement Friday in which he named Stephen Hess, who had been deputy director of the Urban Affairs Council, as national chairman of the White House Conference on Children and Youth. The conference will be held here Dec. 12-13, 1970.

In an interview yesterday, Mr. Hess said that it was his hope that the conference would produce, among other achievements, a "major document that will give substance to the idea of a national youth policy—that is, a policy that explicitly recognizes youth as a special phenomenon and seeks to adjust government policy to the special needs of youth."

## Fuzz Catches the Squeal In Ann Arbor's 'Pig Bowl'

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 8 (NYT).—With the season for the Cotton Bowl and the Rose Bowl just around the corner, the Ann Arbor Police Department and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department met yesterday in a contest dubbed the "Pig Bowl."

Before a cheering and chilly crowd of 1,000 fans, the "Goats" of Ann Arbor rolled back the "Pigs" of the sheriff's department for a 19-0 victory in a fund-raising match.

"Sure, our team was defeated," said Washtenaw County Sheriff Douglas Harvey, who played halfback for the Pigs, "but money-wise and top-wise, we won."

## Protest Urged Against Lisbon

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 8 (UPI).—Four Afro-Asian countries proposed today that the Security Council strongly condemn Portugal for two recent attacks on Senegal which killed six persons and seriously wounded nine others.

A draft resolution sponsored by Algeria, Nepal, Pakistan and Zambia called for the 15-nation body "again call upon Portugal to cease forthwith to violate the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Senegal" and "declare that in the event of failure by Portugal to comply, the council would meet again to 'consider other measures'."

## U.K. Gives Gibraltar \$9.6 Million in Aid

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP).—The British government today announced aid worth \$9.6 million (\$9.6 million) for its colony in Gibraltar over the next three years.

A communique issued after talks between British and Gibraltar government officials said that Britain had also agreed to make available another \$100,000 (\$240,000) to help the colony meet special costs caused by Spain's restrictions against the colony.

## Pinning Murders on Blacks Said to Be Manson's Design

By Eric Malnic

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—Charles Manson talked of triggering a war between blacks and whites—including white police—and making it appear that blacks were responsible.

Friends recalled: "He said he was building a bunch of dune buggies. He said he was going to mount machine guns on them."

"He said he'd take his army of dune buggies and kill every white mother—every white pig—between here and the desert. Then he was going to make an exodus—take his people to a big hole up in Death Valley and hide there. From there he could just sit back and watch the revolution."

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## S. Africa Airline Accused by N.Y. Of Discrimination

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP).—The chief legal officer for the state of New York has charged South African Airways with discriminating against black Americans.

State Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz filed the complaint with the state's Division of Human Rights. Mr. Lefkowitz said yesterday that South African Airways had refused to carry black Americans from New York to South Africa unless they had visas. He said that the South African Consulate had denied black Americans the required visas without explanation.

"The airline, as an instrumentality of the South African government, has in effect carried the apartheid policy of South Africa to the doorstep of our own state through the denial of its facilities to black Americans," Mr. Lefkowitz said.

Reginald Brett, general manager of the airline's American operations, said: "If a man has his ticket and his travel documents, he travels. The issuing of visas has nothing to do with the operating of our airline." Owen Rooyens, the South African Consul-General, denied that his government practiced racial discrimination in the issuance of visas.

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## Pulsar Speed-Up Indicates Enormous Release of Energy

By Walter Sullivan

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (NYT).—For the second time since the discovery of these extraordinary "clocks" in the sky known as pulsars, some two years ago, one of them has suddenly speeded up.

The observation indicates that the phenomenon is periodic, that it is intimately related to the life history of these mysterious objects, and that probably a vast release of energy is involved in each such "glitch."

With the occurrence of the second such speed-up, the astronomers have taken the word "glitch" from electronic engineers and space pilots, to whom it represents a sudden departure from normal behavior.

The pulsar in question is that which has been the chief focus of attention since its discovery last year in the heart of the Crab Nebula. Pulsing, both in visible light and radio emissions, at 30

times a second, it is the fastest—and presumably, the youngest—of the known pulsars.

It is thought to be an extremely dense ball of stones that have collapsed under their own weight to form a solid mass of nuclear material (largely neutrons).

The formation of such a "neutron star" had been predicted a generation ago as the consequence of a supernova, or star explosion, such as that which was observed at the location of the Crab Nebula in A.D. 1054. The nebula is a turbulent expanding cloud of luminous gas left by that explosion.

The Crab pulsar is thought to be a neutron star no more than a few miles in diameter spinning at 30 times a second. Its material is so dense that, on earth, a thimbleful would weigh billions of tons. Consequently, its gravity is so strong that to climb a half-inch "mountain" on its surface would require as much energy as climbing Mt. Everest on earth.

Of the more than 30 pulsars found so far, most pulse at rates ranging from a quarter-second to two seconds. No slowing is observed and the rates are as precise as those of the most precise atomic clocks.

**Pulse Rate Jumps**

However, the faster pulsars, notably that in the Crab Nebula and in one that pulses at 11 times a second in the constellation Vela, are slowing perceptibly. They are, so to speak, "running down" from their initial, high spin rates.

However, to the amazement of all concerned, at the beginning of last March, astronomers of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology discovered that the pulse rate of the Vela pulsar, after slowing at an extremely precise rate, suddenly jumped to a higher pulse rate.

The change was slight—208 billionths of a second—but it was a sharp and marked change in terms of the highly precise observations possible with present monitoring techniques.

New Princeton University astronomers have seen the same effect in the Crab pulsar through optical observations with a 36-inch reflecting telescope. The jump in rate has been confirmed, in terms of radio pulses, with the giant radio telescope operated by Cornell University at Arecibo in Puerto Rico.

One hope now is that by observing closely the manner in which such a "glitch" or star quake influences the spin rate it may be possible to make intelligent guesses as to the internal rigidity of such an exotic object as a neutron star.

## Lefty O'Doul, 72, Dies; NL Batting Star

Taught Joe Di Maggio; Brought Game to Japan

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 (AP).—Frank Joseph "Lefty" O'Doul, who twice won the National League batting championship during his years in baseball and helped introduce the game in Japan, died at 72.

He was "coming along fine" at French Hospital here where he had been since Nov. 13, recovering from a stroke, when a massive heart attack ended his life Sunday afternoon, Dr. F. Edmund Stalteri said.

Only a half-hour before the fatal attack he had talked at length by phone with friends, telling them he wanted to visit Japan again "as soon as I get out of here—probably in the spring."

It was in 1951 on a tour with Babe Ruth that he helped get baseball started in Japan, and he had been back there 30 times to promote the game's growth.

Mr. O'Doul had the highest lifetime batting average of any living major leaguer, .349 for 16 seasons. But he never made the Hall of Fame. The honor now passes to Ted Williams, whose lifetime average is .344.

Mr. O'Doul's baseball career began in 1917 with Des Moines of the Western League and he started in the major leagues as a pitcher for the New York Yankees in 1919. He batted and threw left-handed.

After a 1923 season with the Boston Red Sox he went back to the minors with arm troubles, but returned in 1925 with the New York Giants. In the following year, as an outfielder, he won his first National League batting crown with Philadelphia with a .388 average.

He won the batting title again in 1932 with 368 with the Brooklyn Dodgers, who traded him to the Giants in the following season.

Mr. O'Doul retired from active play in 1935 and then spent 23 years managing teams in the Pacific Coast League, including 17 with the old San Francisco Seals.

He was an excellent batting instructor, with Joe Di Maggio one of his prize pupils.

Alexei Topchikov, 58, a leading Soviet authority on automation and mining machinery, died here Thursday, Pravda announced today.



Lefty O'Doul

## Tigers, Rhinos, Condors, Pandas

### 40 More Species of Animals Face Extinction in 1970s

LONDON, Dec. 8 (UPI).—Among those present at the dawn of the 1970s was the Mexican grizzly bear. He will not join in greeting the new year.

After countless years on earth the Mexican grizzly is probably extinct. "There have been no recent sightings," said the World Wildlife Fund in a formula that has become the obituary notice of a species.

According to some conservationists one or more birds or animals have disappeared from the world every year since the beginning of the century. It is a continuing process. Man has been exterminating his neighbors on this planet since he learned to set a trap, throw a spear or draw a bow to provide food and/or clothing.

He has eliminated still others simply because he wanted their living room—forest or plain—for himself. As the dominant mammal on earth, man's will has always prevailed.

The passenger pigeon darkened the skies of the United States by their billions before the last one shuddered and died in a zoo in 1914. The horseshoe quagga was

## Bid to End Unions' Exemption May Delay Tax Reform Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP).

An amendment that would remove much of the political clout from labor unions by eliminating their tax-exempt status is presenting a major stumbling block to an early Senate vote this week on the tax reform bill.

Managers of the bill, now in its third week of Senate debate, say that a final vote can be held tomorrow or Wednesday. But the amendment, sponsored by Sen. Paul Fannin, R., Ark., must be dealt with first. A tough floor battle is

expected over the politically charged issue.

Sen. Fannin's proposal would deny tax-exempt status to unions and other organizations using members' dues and assessments to support or oppose political candidates or parties.

Strong opposition was expected from the unions and senators who have been beneficiaries from union contributions.

**Labor Is His Concern**

Sen. Fannin insists that his amendment would hit tax-exempt business groups equally with unions. But he concedes that his great concern is with labor.

"It has been estimated," he says, "that over \$100 million were spent by labor unions in the last national elections, not including wages and salaries of those in everyday activities that are truly involved in political endeavors."

"One of the things which makes this practice so iniquitous is that much of this money is collected by the union leaders under arrangements which give a man no choice but to belong to a union."

"I dare say there is no single group in our nation able to wield so powerful a weapon as the quantity of money and which labor officials can pour into national and local election campaigns."

The AFL-CIO contends that these activities are legitimate because the funds are received in voluntary contributions from union members and because they are paid out not by the labor organization itself but by a separate group, the Committee on Political Organization.

**Popular Elders Voted**

So far during floor debate, the Senate has cut back substantially on the House-passed tax reform bill while voting for several politically popular riders, including a big increase in social security benefits.

Two leading Senate Republicans suggest that these votes are part of a Democratic scheme to pack the bill with costly provisions which would force President Nixon to veto it.

"I expect there are a lot of people who would like to see it vetoed, either for political or pecuniary reasons," said Sen. George D. Aiken, R., Vt., the Senate's senior Republican.

The assistant GOP Senate leader, Robert F. Griffin of Michigan, said: "If you get a President to veto a social security and tax relief bill, it looks like a clever political maneuver."

But Sen. Griffin added: "I think I will be back. I think the people will see through it—if that is the strategy."

The Senate Democratic leader, Mike Mansfield of Montana, denied that there was a plot to bring on a veto.

**Kennedy Cites Benefits**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (WP).—Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D., Mass., yesterday cited 14 instances where special provisions have been written into the tax reform bill to benefit specific foundations, corporations, universities or groups of individuals.

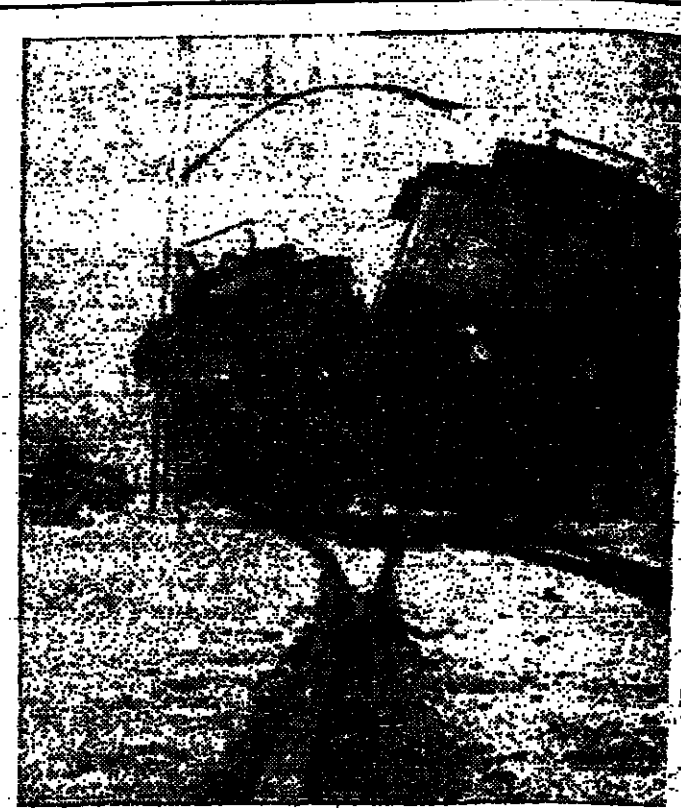
He also noted that one institution, the James Irvine Foundation of California, was the target of unique restrictions in the legislation.

Sen. Kennedy did not imply that there was any wrongdoing in any of these instances. But he did object to "legislating these special provisions in secrecy." Nowhere in the bill or the committee report are the concerned groups mentioned by name.

And he did suggest one way to end the conflict: special bills to provide equity for individual taxpayers without cluttering the tax code with exceptions under which any number of others might eventually benefit.

**Einstein Prize to Israeli**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP).—An Israeli physicist will be the first American recipient of the Albert Einstein award, established 20 years ago. The winner is Dr. Yuval Ne'eman, 44, professor of physics at the University of Tel Aviv.



TWO'S A CROWD—Well, it was like this, the trains were rolling gently on the Holmenkollbane ward Oslo's Majorstua station, when near the city it got on the same track at the same time. No one hurt and the damage was mostly to someone's

## Protests Cause La Scala To Open Season Somberly

By William Weaver

MILAN, Dec. 8.—There was a group of jeering, left-wing students outside La Scala last night when the doors opened for the new season. But the real revolution was inside: No floral decorations, no heavy waves of perfume, no obligatory evening dress. A few black-ties here and there and an occasional long skirt suggested that some of the subscription audience wanted bravely to cling to tradition, or else they hadn't read the announcements to the effect that the usually gala opening would not have "any solemn character."

As if to comply with this enforced lack of gaiety, director Giorgio de Lullo and designer Pier Luigi Pizzi created a stripped-down production of Verdi's "Ernani." Some scenes were actually made of sackcloth.

Visually inspired by the drawings of Victor Hugo himself, the visual frame of Verdi's version of the Hugo drama was stark, but always effective. Mr. De Lullo kept the singers' movements also to a minimum, but still gave his stars ample occasion to dramatize their romantic roles.

A generation or two ago, "Ernani" was considered a baritone's opera, since the baritone role of Carlo dominates the crucial third act. Piero Cappuccelli, who was to have been the Carlo last night, fell victim to the flu that is scouring Italy, and was substituted at the very last moment by Carlo Meliconi. Under these circumstances, it would be ungracious and unfair to go into the substitute's deficiencies. Their chief effect was to diminish the importance of his role, and shift the audience's attention to the tenor part, which was sung by Placido Domingo.

**Truly Noble Hero**

Domingo enjoyed a great critical success at his Italian debut last summer in Verdi's "Don Carlos" at the Roman Arena in Verona. The tenor's first appearance at La Scala was equally triumphant. Though the voice is in itself a fine instrument, it was Domingo's intelligence, musicality and dramatic passion that most impressed the audience. Here was a truly noble, tragic hero. In this very early Verdi opera Domingo suggested at times the great tenor parts of later Verdi: Riccardo, Alvaro, even Otello.

Opposite him, Raima Kabal-

vanaka was a pretty but especially winning Elvira, of the time her singing adequate, but it never thrilled or moved. And there moments when she forced voice well beyond its powers, with subsequent in-tion troubles.

Ernani's real partner in opera-vocal partner, that is Elvira, and in basso B. Ghisaur, Placido Domingo, an antagonist worthy of mettle. In the superb opening scene, "O del Ver'Ami!," Ghisaur obviously devotes more thought to the effect his singing than to its dramatic significance. He receives ovation but he failed to cut the pathos of Silva's character. After that, however, sang with greater sense and the same vocal grain. The tenor's confrontation between Ernani and Silva the second and fourth were masterfully interpreted both artists. The smaller were well cast.

Usually a rather unimpressive conductor, Antonino Voti night was surprisingly adding to the impact of uneven, but enjoyable performance.

**Youths Throw Coals**

ROME, Dec. 8 (NYT).—hundred youths shouted and workers' slogans and coins at opera goers last night. The demonstrators gathered front of the opera house an hour before the 8 p.m. tain. Facing them was a cordon of police. Shortly the start of the performance the police ordered the demonstrators to disperse.

The crowd broke up groups after moving away the theater and only a hundred stayed until the end of the performance.

In a demonstration last some of the first-nighters splattered with paint. But was no such violence last night, although demonstrators two windows of a nearby About 20 demonstrators detained by the police.

The directors of La Scala fired free tickets to work the final dress rehearsal Friday. But they after rejected. Few among those onstrating last night as ed to be workers. The us apparently were students.

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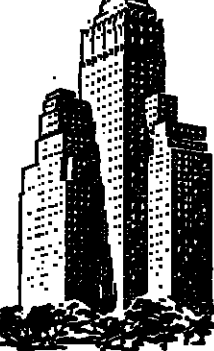
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## Censor Attacks Czech Black Book

PRAGUE, Dec. 8 (Reuters).

The Czech censor's office acted today to stop circulation of the "Black Book"—the inside story of the 1968 Soviet-led occupation of Czechoslovakia compiled by the Institute of History in Prague.

An announcement by the Czechoslovak government's Office for Press and Information said the book, "which has become the creed of enemies of socialism," was still being distributed illegally.

The book—its real title is "Seven Prague Days"—was pieced together by the Institute in September, 1968, and gives a detailed account of events from Aug. 21, the day of the invasion, until Aug. 27.

Today's announcement said "the contents of this, according to the opinion of the Office for Press and Information, gives grounds for a felonious act of insulting an allied state or other illegal acts."

**Mighty Mo Is A Shelter**

BREMERTON, Washington, Dec. 8 (AP).—The battleship Missouri, on which the Japanese surrender documents were signed, has been designated a public nuclear-blast fallout shelter for the Seattle area. The Mighty Mo, which can accommodate 1,200 persons with ease, has been stocked with medical and sanitary supplies, food, water and radiological monitoring instruments.

## U.S. Law Aims At Wildlife Preservation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UPI).

The United States moved over the weekend to protect wildlife the world over found to be in danger of extinction.

President Nixon signed a bill Friday intended to protect the nation's alligators from extinction and other species of amphibians, reptiles and mollusks or crustaceans.

It also prohibits import into the United States of species found to be in danger on a worldwide basis.

The bill expands on the definition of endangered species, which until now covered wild mammals, fish and birds, to include the others for protection. It also increases penalties for illegal trafficking of endangered species.

President Nixon called the legislation "the most significant action this nation has ever taken in an international effort to preserve the world's wildlife."

The President said the law would help states "conserve such species as our endangered alligators and other reptiles and lesser life as well," and would help other countries preserve species threatened with extinction by hearing importation of such animals into the United States.

**N.Y.-Athens Plane Diverted by Drunk**

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—A 34-year-old American forced a Trans World Airlines jet with 160 persons aboard to make an unscheduled stop in London today by being drunk.

Police said Terry Potos, on a Boeing-707 charter from New York to Athens, started stripping off his clothes and causing a disturbance. The plane's crew decided to unload him at London's Heathrow Airport. He was fined \$12 in Magistrate's Court for being drunk.

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## French Parliament Given Bill for Stronger Pre-Trial Rights

By Henry Gimiger

Dec. 8 (NYT).—Months of bitter debate about the failings of the French justice system have resulted in a bill submitted to parliament last week which would strengthen the rights of persons awaiting trial. The bill, which is expected to pass, would give judges the power to order the release of persons awaiting trial on bail, and would require judges to provide reasons for their decisions. It also would give judges the power to order the release of persons awaiting trial on bail, and would require judges to provide reasons for their decisions. It also would give judges the power to order the release of persons awaiting trial on bail, and would require judges to provide reasons for their decisions.

## Snow, Cold in France Sniffles

Dec. 8 (AP).—Much of France is being hit by a bad sniffle today as a cold epidemic joined forces with a snow storm.

Paris reported that 35 per cent of the city's population was suffering from colds. In the south, temperatures dropped to below freezing, and in the north, snow fell in some areas.

Headquarters in Paris reported that half the motorists who drive into the city from the suburbs stayed home or used cars of transportation. The sun was in the sky, but the cold was still there.

Weather forecast was for a cold day with some snow. In the Channel coastal areas, the thermometer was rising.

5 Million Ill in Italy. Dec. 8 (AP).—Drugstore sales were swamped with seeking relief from flu bug rose to 15 million.

her continued cold and throughout much of the day, helping to spread what describe as A-2 Hong Kong

eli Immigration Rises

SALEM, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—had 36,836 immigrants in ending last September—

ant more than in the previ-

months, according to a

man for the Jewish Agency,

dicted that next year's in-

flux would total more than



RUMOR, RUMOR—Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, 50, with French-Canadian actress Louise Marleau, 25, at the Montreal Symphony last month. The Montreal Sunday Express claims they are about to announce their wedding plans shortly.

## Israel Bars Further Visits By Panel on Arab Treatment

By James Feron

JERUSALEM, Dec. 8 (NYT).—The Israeli government said yesterday that Amnesty International, a London-based investigative body, had "prejudged" an inquiry into the treatment of Arab prisoners by Israeli authorities. The government barred further visits by the organization's representatives.

A statement by the Foreign Ministry spokesman referred to comments by Amnesty officials of "serious and substantiated evidence of ill-treatment of prisoners in detention or under interrogation." The Israelis, in barring further visits, expressed "surprise at the manner and timing of Amnesty's statement."

The Foreign Ministry spokesman did not allude to the reason given for Amnesty's statement, which was to "balance the picture" created by Israeli disclosure of favorable comments by Amnesty officials on one aspect of their inquiry. The report has not been made public.

Martin Ennals, secretary-general of Amnesty International, told the Jewish Chronicle in London this week that he had written to Arie El, Israel's commissioner of prisons, saying that there was no likelihood of ill-treatment in Israeli prisons under the prison administration.

Private Letter. Although the letter was private, Mr. Ennals said, his view on this point was widely publicized. He said he felt that Amnesty should also disclose those aspects of the report unfavorable to Israel.

Mr. Ennals said that the evidence of Israeli ill-treatment had been

## Beirut Parliament Backs Premier

BEIRUT, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—Premier Rashid Karami has won a vote of confidence for his new coalition government, formed in the wake of a seven-month crisis over the Arab commandos.

The Cairo agreement between Lebanon and the commandos was the main subject of the parliamentary debate which lasted 22 hours spread over three days and ended in a 59-50 vote for Mr. Karami Saturday night.

But the premier would not disclose details of the agreement, signed last month, which followed clashes between the Lebanese Army and commandos and ended the crisis over the extent of the guerrillas' freedom to act from Lebanese territory.

Mr. Karami promised, however, that information about the agreement would be given to ministers and deputies later.

## 303 in Pakistan To Face Tribunals

KARACHI, Pakistan, Dec. 8 (NYT).—The government of President Agha Mohammad Yahya Khan yesterday named 303 Pakistani officials suspected in the last few days and said they would face army tribunals on charges of corruption, inefficiency, misconduct or subversive activities.

The country has been under martial law since last March. Thirty-eight of the officials belong to the civil service of Pakistan. A large number of the others are policemen, customs and excise officials, and some are working in the provincial governments of East and West Pakistan.

## 3 Die in Bridge Mishap

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 8 (UPI).—At least three Africans were killed and nearly 300 injured today when a concrete footbridge spanning a railway line collapsed during the morning rush hour at Soweto township near here. The toll of dead could be much higher. One bus alone loaded 100 injured persons for the trip to a hospital.

## El Al Guard's Swiss Lawyer Is Dismissed

Following Charges Rachamim 'Is Lost'

WINTERTHUR, Dec. 8 (UPI).—Israeli security guard Mordechai Rachamim, on trial here for the murder of an Arab commando during the attack on an Israeli El Al airliner at Zurich airport last Feb. 18, consented to a court-initiated proposal today to dismiss his Swiss lawyer from the case.

The action of the court came in the wake of a news conference held by Mr. Rachamim's attorney, Hans Meisser, during the noon recess.

Mr. Meisser, who called his news conference "a declaration of war against presiding Judge Hans Gut and prosecutor Cesar Birch," said the impromptu gathering of 30 reporters covering the trial that he believed his client's case was already lost.

He also said that during the pre-trial investigation, all witnesses favorable to his client were dismissed as "untrustworthy."

Extenuating Circumstances. The 33-year-old Rachamim is charged with the killing under extenuating circumstances of Arab commando leader Abdel Mehsen during the raid.

Three Arab commandos are on trial along with Mr. Rachamim. They are charged with wilful murder of the El Al trainee pilot Yoram Peres.

Shortly before the morning session recessed for lunch, Mr. Meisser made a request that he be allowed to recall several prosecution witnesses during the afternoon proceedings.

The Israeli guard's lawyer was successful in breaking down one prosecution witness during Friday's session and apparently wanted to pick up where he left off.

Judge Gut, however, denied the motion, citing that the court dockets already had witnesses scheduled for the afternoon session.

Mr. Meisser then stormed from the courtroom, gathering the press as he went.

Misused Arabs. "As far as I'm concerned," Mr. Meisser said, "the justice authorities of the Canton of Zurich should be sitting on the accused bench instead of those misused Arabs and Rachamim."

"I have known for some time that Rachamim is lost before this court, but I am already fighting the case before the court of appeals," he said. "I have also prayed that the Arabs are successful with their wish to be brought before the federal court."

The three Arabs, Abu el-Elzga, Ibrahim Tawfik Youssef and Amena Dahhor, filed a request through representatives of the Arab Lawyers Union that the case be brought before the federal court.

Immediately after calling the afternoon session to order, Judge Gut asked Mr. Rachamim if he would consent to the dismissal of his attorney from the case.

The young Israeli gave his consent.

## Egypt Charges U.S. Is Guilty Of an 'International Crime'

By Raymond H. Anderson

CAIRO, Dec. 8 (NYT).—The United States was accused here today of an "international crime" in supplying Israel with rockets that hurl metal darts over a wide area.

The accusation was made in an editorial in the semi-official Cairo newspaper, Al-Ahram, which had printed photographs yesterday of a Mighty Mouse rocket and said that Israeli aircraft had been firing them at Egyptian troops.

The photographs of the rocket showed data markings in English, the date of manufacture as July, 1969, and place of manufacture as the United States.

The rockets were said to have been fired at Egyptian positions by Phantom and Skyhawk aircraft, but without particularly effective results because of Egyptian defenses, presumably foxholes and bunkers.

Al-Ahram said that the Mighty Mouse rocket was "internationally banned" because its steel darts caused "irregular and unclean wounds resulting in grave complications."

The issue of the Mighty Mouse rockets followed a declaration yesterday by Cairo's chief spokesman, Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid, that Egypt would raise charges at the Arab summit conference scheduled to open Dec. 20 that Israel was using Phantom fighter bombers recently received from the United States against Egyptian positions.

The United States also was accused of instigating the border conflict between Saudi Arabia and South Yemen.

The defense minister of the leftist regime of South Yemen, Mohammed Salah al-Aulaki, charged at a news conference here yesterday that the Central Intelligence Agency was behind the "aggression" by royalist Saudi Arabia against the al-Wadea border outpost, the scene of nearly two weeks of fighting between troops and aircraft of Saudi Arabia and South Yemen.

## New Israeli Cabinet Held Up By Demand of Rightist Party

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—A last-minute hitch today threatened the formation of Israel's new coalition government when the rightist Gahal party threatened to withdraw if it could not introduce its own proposals on state-labor relations.

The new difficulties came less than 24 hours after Premier-designate Golda Meir had apparently surmounted the last hurdle in her four-week struggle to form a new coalition cabinet, by overcoming complications within her own Labor party.

Last night, Mrs. Meir finally announced she would present the new coalition cabinet to parliament within a couple of days, after the Labor party's central committee unanimously endorsed her demand that deputy-premier Yigal Allon also accept the education portfolio.

Friday, Mrs. Meir had threatened to return her mandate to President Zalman Shazar if Mr. Allon maintained his refusal to accept the education portfolio because of the decision to give the National Religious party the post of deputy education minister.

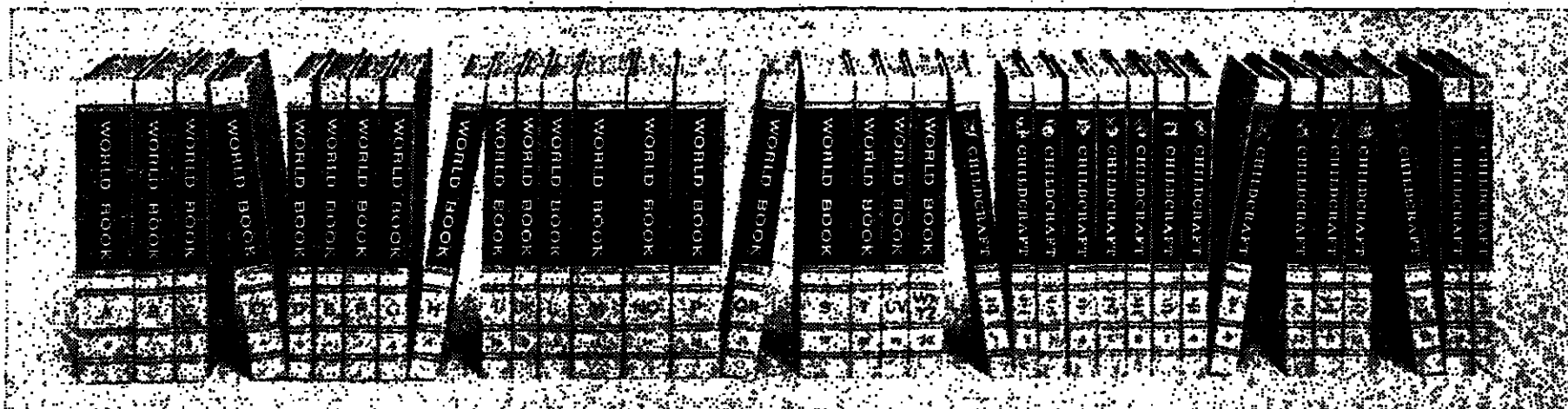
Today Gahal—with 26 seats the second largest partner in the coalition after Labor—announced it would withdraw if it could not retain the right to introduce legislation on some of its own party platform policies, such as compulsory mediation in work disputes.

Labor representatives at inter-party talks on the new cabinet's policy program rejected the Gahal proposals and Mrs. Meir later summoned Gahal and Labor representatives to consultations to try and solve the differences.

Political observers here believe today's new obstacles may merely be final shots in the partisan war of political programs prior to the actual formation of the new government and that Mrs. Meir may be able to present her new broad-based coalition as planned.

Ignoring the denial that the attack never took place, the Egyptian military spokesman in Cairo said Egyptian gunners shot down an Israeli Skyhawk jet today when an Israeli patrol, supported by 12 jets, attempted to recover the position today.

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## The Era of Negotiation

It is clear enough that the pathway into Mr. Nixon's era of negotiation is not going to be smooth. His representative, Secretary of State Rogers, made it plain in Brussels that the encouragement given in The Hague by NATO to Soviet overtures for a European security conference is not without reservations; the progress of the strategic arms limitation talks in Helsinki so far seem to be in mood, rather than substance.

There is no practical reason for blinding the world's eyes to the difficulties of substantive negotiations between the great ideological blocs in Europe. Mr. Rogers made the very valid point that unprepared formal discussions of a security treaty for Europe could lead to disillusionment and a worsening of relations; that has happened before. Both sides have very down-to-earth wishes in respect to such a treaty—the Warsaw Pact group wants recognition of existing boundaries; the West wants, among other things, some amelioration of the status of Berlin. And neither is likely to surrender bargaining points without a solid quid pro quo.

Nevertheless, there has been a real improvement in the atmosphere. There is less expectation that, some fine morning, there will be a Berlin Wall, a blockade, a U-2 episode, to confront the world with a sudden crisis between the two halves of Europe—even if the invasion of Czechoslovakia

showed that surprise military action within the East cannot be ruled out. The tone of international dialogue is saner; the common acceptance that peaceful coexistence is not necessarily a mere slogan, but a serious possibility for a workable comity of nations, has made negotiation at least a practicable hope.

The hope has not yet solidified to the state that would make it impregnable to events—in the Middle East, or Southeast Asia, or within the nations involved. The initiatives of the Brandt cabinet rest on a slender parliamentary base; Italy is under great stress; France is still adapting to the loss of Gen. de Gaulle; Britain and the United States are still working out approaches to foreign policy. And across the Elbe the East Germans and the Czechs are sullen—for opposite reasons, Poland's course is erratic; Hungary is temporarily in a kind of uneasy balance, and crescent Romania has Czechoslovakia's example as a warning. The Soviet Union, like the United States, is looking for new ways of conducting foreign affairs, and seems uncertain which to choose.

Europe is, therefore, in flux; troubled by its essentially dangerous dual structure, and only partly consoled by a prevailing relative prosperity. The need for greater Continental stability is evident; the desire for it is growing. Somehow, a way must be found through the thorny jungle of specifics toward the goal which all acknowledge as essential.

## Brandt's Successful Start

Russia's last-minute agreement to open talks with West Germany on a pact for mutual renunciation of the use of force brings to fruition a three-year effort by Willy Brandt, first as foreign minister and now as chancellor, to initiate a broad dialogue with the East.

The talks in Moscow—which Bonn has agreed to accompany by seeking non-aggression agreements with the other Warsaw Pact countries, including East Germany—are expected to reach far beyond commitments not to use force, which in themselves will have little more than psychological value.

Both the talks and the agreements they envisage are recognized by both sides as a vehicle for increased acceptance by Bonn of Germany's postwar borders and of East Germany as a second state in the German nation. Bonn expects, in return, a move toward diplomatic relations with Poland and the other Warsaw Pact countries, starting with trade and consular missions.

Bonn's aim is to gain Eastern support for its main objective, a modus vivendi with East Germany and ultimate erosion of the country's partition.

Reports that Washington protested inadequate consultation by the Brandt government in its moves toward the East have now been counteracted by the cordial letter President Nixon delivered to the chancellor through Secretary of State Rogers. The letter emphasizes that Bonn's moves and Washington's are on parallel courses in seeking "to reduce long-standing causes of tension in Europe."

The Moscow talks and the liquidation of a budding controversy with the United States add to the impression of an unusually con-

structive beginning by West Germany's new "mini-coalition" government, particularly in foreign affairs. Chancellor Brandt and Foreign Minister Scheel have acted decisively on major policies in a manner reassuring to Bonn's partners in the West as well as to the Soviet Union and most of East Europe.

The prompt upward revaluation of the mark by an even greater margin than financial circles had anticipated was an act of economic statesmanship, of political courage and of faith in the German economy. A government with a hairline Bundestag majority might have stalled on an action certain to slash Bonn's trade surplus and balance of payments.

Another act of courage was Bonn's signing of the treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. This brought loud protests from Mr. Brandt's Christian Democrat opponents, including the charge that he was a "sell-out chancellor," but it reassured the countries once victims of German aggression and provided a good example for other nations, particularly Japan.

Mr. Brandt also deserves much credit for the agreement of the six European Common Market members to open negotiations next summer looking to the admission of Britain and other applicants. He took a much stronger line with France on this matter than any previous West German chancellor.

But most important of all perhaps is Mr. Brandt's effort—undertaken with imagination but without illusions—to build better relations with Moscow and the Soviet bloc. With the opening of the Moscow talks, which reflect a mutual conviction after extensive exploration that an agreement is within the realm of possibility, Mr. Brandt can already claim a modest success.

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## International Opinion

### The War in Nigeria

If the British arms now being supplied are not being used in such a way as to bring the war to an end, the question the critics are entitled to ask is: What is the use of continuing to send them? (A parliamentary motion also urges British action in the Security Council for an immediate embargo on the supply of arms to both Biafra and Nigeria. From such diplomatic soundings as have already been made, this prospect seems extremely distant. But distant or not, it needs to be pursued, if only to show that if such an international embargo is indeed impossible, then at least the world will get a chance to know who is obstructing it...

A wide variety of diplomatic activity remains possible—indeed essential... besides the overdue steps already suggested, the improved state of Anglo-French relations indicates an approach through Paris for some of the French-speaking African states who recognize General Ojukwu to use their influence with him, just as Britain must use her influence in Lagos.

—From The Sunday Times (London).

### No Panic on My Lai

Fortunately for the cause of democracy, it is now evident that the American government and great majority of American public opinion have not allowed themselves to be panicked by the massacre allegations. The shock has been great. All ranks have been urgently reminded of standing regulations designed to exclude any kind of atrocity. Court-martial proceedings and a high-level investigation into whether a previous inquiry was properly conducted have been duly instituted and will continue in the full glare of publicity. This is the reaction one would expect in any open, liberal, democratic society.

—From The Daily Telegraph (London).

### European Detente

After the meetings in Moscow [of the Warsaw Pact] and Brussels [of NATO] it appears that European problems may now head toward better times. Documents from both the meetings are characterized by an increased degree of tolerance and moderation in wording which have always been preconditions for an objective conversation.

—From Borba (Belgrade).

## In the International Edition

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

Dec. 9, 1894

LONDON—With reference to the news from Accra stating that Ashanti was about to be placed under British protection, it is stated that the government has no intention of proclaiming a protectorate over that country. Correspondence is, however, at present going on between Her Majesty's Government and the Governor of the Gold Coast in reference to the relations of that colony with Ashanti.

### Fifty Years Ago

Dec. 9, 1919

LONDON—Lenin, in a speech to the Soviet Congress in Moscow, according to dispatches received here, has made a very significant admission. He complained that the Russian peasants, as a class, show nothing but contempt for the principles of Communism. Now that the peasants have become landowners, they side with the capitalists against Bolshevism. Better organization, he said, is needed.



'Nothing, Please—We'd Just Like to Sit and Talk.'

## Sir: Remove Your Rhododendron...

By Anthony Lewis

LONDON—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Roy Jenkins, took time out from care of the pound last week to write a letter to The Times of London about a nice point of history. As a biographer of Asquith, he intervened in a controversy over the circumstances of the great Liberal prime minister's fall from power in 1916.

It is a little hard to imagine an American cabinet member writing a letter to the editor on a scholarly question. The point is not only that literate politicians are a rarity. It is that no other people write so many letters, with so much pleasure, as the British.

In one sense the British commitment to pen and paper is an aspect of the love of privacy. Felix Frankfurter, who exalted privacy, saw it that way during a year at Oxford in 1933-34; he delighted in the fact that invitations and questions and thanks came in the mail instead of by telephone. To a surprising extent that is still true.

### Daisy and Dandelion

But the letter is also an instrument of controversy. Just as trial by combat gave way in the legal system to the less dangerous trial by jury, so this most verbal of people has substituted its justifying spirit in the letter to the editor.

"Sir," Mr. David Butler wrote to The Times last June, "my attention is becoming increasingly drawn to the scarring of the gentle English countryside by the naturalization of garish and hostile rhododendrons... I should be pleased if others, similarly persuaded, would help me to found

a society dedicated to their destruction." Naturally, defenders of the rhododendron rallied against what one called "botanical xenophobia." If only true-blue native flowers were allowed, another said, we should have to "content ourselves with the daisy, buttercup and dandelion, the dog-rose and the bindweed."

More recently the big issue has been an arcane dating forecast. The daily crossword puzzle in The Times is numbered. A reader noted that number 12345 would be published on Dec. 19 and asked "your erudite correspondents" to say when number 23456 would appear. There followed a series of letters picking various dates in the 21st century. There were differences over leap years, Christmas and Boxing Day closings and, finally, the possibility of newspaper strikes. Last week someone wrote:

"Sir—Would it not be possible to publish crossword 23456 next week and put them all out of their agony?"

Mr. Basil Boothroyd raised a point of etiquette: "Can anyone tell me the present rules for hand-shaking? I mean socially. Either I stick my hand out and they look at it as if it's the first they've seen, or I decide not to and they're reaching up my sleeve for it. What about hosts and guests? Shake on arrival but not on departure? Does sex come into it? Class?"

The definitive answer, from Mr. D.I. Urquhart-Pullen, advised in part: "Shake hands with a Frenchman whenever you have not spoken to him for more than five

minutes. Shake hands with an American almost as often as you would with a Frenchman. Shake hands with an Englishman seldom, as possible. Wear your watch on the right wrist so that in the event of being too quick on the draw you can quickly pretend you only wanted to know the time."

For sang-froid, the prize goes to a letter written aboard a plane while it was being hijacked. It was printed in The Times last month, with the valediction: "We are, Sir, your obedient servants and reluctant hostages of our hijackers..."

Not all letters to the editor are so determinedly nonweighty. Intellectual disputes can be serious indeed, and some intense issues of literature, history and personality are fought out in the letter columns. But one's impression is that the Englishman moved to write to a newspaper has less anger and more concern for style than the equivalent American.

That is only to be expected. Since everyone here except Prime Minister Wilson and one or two other politicians has given up the pretense of having any influence abroad, few fear their consciences over the imperial burden. Since domestic politics are mostly boring, the public is free to exercise its energy and wit on gardens and crossword puzzles.

In the United States, of course, it is impossible these days to talk or think about anything except Vietnam or the internal violence of race and drugs and the generations. Frivolous letters to the editor are out. How nice it would be, some day, to be able to argue about the status of the rhododendron.

## Letters

### Brinksmanship

C. L. Sulzberger's article recently on the missing ambassador in Stockholm failed, I believe, to consider the element of brinksmanship in the Socialist foreign policy in Sweden.

Each move by the leading left wing of the Social Democrats to which Mr. Palme, the Prime Minister, belongs, toward a more defiant anti-Americanism, has resulted so far in the collection of more of the left wing votes on which Mr. Palme depends.

So long as the United States did not respond to this tactic, it was a fail-safe: it cost nothing, raised no new issues and never failed in carrying the vote. The withdrawal of the American ambassador from Stockholm was the first time a price was exacted for this policy. Reinstating him would today merely be an invitation to try again at more anti-Americanism, serving as a guarantee that there would be no costs involved.

I believe it serves American interests better to keep him away as an indication that there is a price for everything. As long as he stays away the friends of the United States in Sweden have at least one example to show their cost-conscious fellow-countrymen that there is a price involved in pursuing anti-Americanism as a policy, and to demonstrate that demonstrations are a game that two can play.

Furthermore, as a practical matter the presence of an ambassador is more of a symbol than a real investment.

JACOB SUNDBERG.

Stockholm.

on in the South, from which I have just returned—and where punitive raids on villages by American and allied ground forces include mass executions.

"I am better able to see the parallel with 1944 through having visited Oradour soon after the massacre."

In "Vietnam Singslet" (Paris: Stock, 1968, p. 13) the non-Communist reporter Jean Bertolino, a survivor of the Tet offensive, describes "the atrocity of the American and South Vietnamese power hammer which bashes, crushes, and grinds; which everywhere amalgamates rubble and a kind of human rubbish: the arms, legs, and crania that belonged to people of no matter what age or which sex."

To "save" Hue, the U.S. government (not some gung ho captain or psychopathic sergeant) destroyed it—and with it, almost completely, the heritage of a particular civilization (I don't mean of ours). When Mr. Bertolino speaks of "Hue, little martyr, Oradour du Vietnam," he is referring to something more insidious than any massacre perpetrated by the NLF: to massacres like those of the "Das Reich" Division, the details in a pattern of genocide.

The horror with which the President would have us recoil from My Lai would be narcissistic. During one of America's occupations, doctors estimate, about 50,000 civilians were wounded or killed (by bombs? by shells? by machine guns? Does it matter?) in Quang Ngai Province alone. My Lai, too, can be used as a gimmick. Or maybe a decoy.

DAVID DORRANCE.

Paris.

right to say "no" or would they have forever been branded as traitors, insubordinators, and un-American? The answer, it would seem, lies in the reaction of one who shot himself in the foot rather than face the consequences of disobeying orders.

The decision to take the life of another is surely the most serious and consequential any individual must make. Yet to enter the armed forces leads not only to atrocities committed by non-thinkers following orders, but also to the dehumanization of countless individuals, who have given up their right to think.

Perhaps Americans (and the rest of the world) should consider this before continuing to force young men into the military or condemning those who conscientiously object.

ALLEN E. HYE.

Copenhagen.

James Reston's reflections on the limitations of justice in his column, "Investigating the Investigation," (Dec. 1) raises some questions. How is justice to be served when, as in the case of Congress and the Army, the judges are members of the very institutions indicted? How much more difficult does the problem become in the My Lai massacre when, as Mr. Reston points out, the case stands as a charge against our whole society? Who, for example, is going to represent the injured party, the South Vietnamese people, when their own government shuts its eyes? Mr. Reston's suggestion that a presidential commission be established to "demonstrate that [My Lai] was an isolated incident" is a startlingly illogical conclusion. His call for such a show is less of an answer than a cry of despair.

PATRICK BRANCACCIO.

Rome.

### Peace and Love...

In the Dec. 4 letters column, Jean Davidson writes "...And whatever can be said of the beatniks, hippies and deserters, they will not have suffered the ignominy of shooting up helpless women and children."

Peace and Love, man. Like what I mean is, let's all joyfully wave lotus blossoms for Sharon Tate's unborn baby.

MARCEL A. SMITH.

Paris.

## Bernard Levin

### From London:

A kind of stock-market approach has begun to dominate the buying, selling and discussing of pictures and other works of art.

LONDON—Within the last few days, three pictures sold in the London auction rooms, having been fetched £512,000 (some \$3 million). They were a rare painting by Hans Baldung (a pupil of Durer's), which went for £224,000 (over half a million dollars), a magnificent Rembrandt portrait of an old man, believed to be the artist's father, which brought £315,000 (or about three-quarters of a million dollars), and a large Biblical piece by the 16th-century Italian painter Jacopo Bassano, which made up the rest.

The first was sold at Sotheby's (it had, incidentally, lain unnoticed in a private home for many years and had once been valued at £200), the other two at Christie's; each of the two sales of which these works were the star attractions set a new record for its auction house.

London has been the center of the international art market for over a century; people have used art as an investment, speculative or sound, for as long. But lately, these two facts have been producing a situation that is unprecedented: a kind of stock-market approach has begun to dominate overwhelmingly the buying, selling and discussing of pictures and other works of art.

Consider: In The Times, once a month, there is a page devoted not merely to recording the prices paid at auction, but to discussing, with graphs identical to those used in the financial pages to follow the progress of a stock, those sectors of the art market that are presently showing the greatest, or the least, upward progress in the prices. Examples of it will fetch. There are also tables from which one may see at a glance that 17th-century Dutch landscapes, say, have risen by 400 percent in the past five years, while 16th-century French flower pieces, perhaps, have appreciated by only 150 percent in the same period.

The Daily Mail goes even further. In its weekly financial supplement, which largely consists of practical monetary advice and suggestions for small-sum investors, there is a column which deals with art in purely investment terms, in no fundamental way different from the features alongside which discuss various kinds of stocks and bonds.

### The Hot Line

Indeed, a magazine has recently made an appearance which takes this trend further still. It purports to cover the entire art field solely with a view to predicting in which areas of it the next boom is likely to take place, exactly like the financial experts' tipping sheets, or for that matter the racing tipsters suggesting which horses are likely to come home first with the readers' money on them.

Now the great Jerry Colonna used to sing a song of which the refrain was "Horses don't bet on people, and that's why they never go broke," and pretty soon now somebody is going to have to write a similar number to warn those

people who are putting the savings into Georgian silver, turban, button-back chas putting huge slices of their into Impressionists or Italian tivos.

But the fact that people money on horses and the it change does not stop other (or, indeed, the same people investing on both, and the y emon that has, in the p or 20 years, turned the art into a combination of roulette and financial ticker cannot plained in terms of gambling.

Of course, buying art portraits for a third of a pounds is not a typical way in art, if, indeed, such it are investments in the sense at all (at that level, stance, questions of prest status enter the argument). Sotheby's and Christie's in of pointing out the impres that three-quarters of the they sell during a season last than £100 (£240) are I believe we are witnessing art world a revolution in akin to that which began more than ten years ago world of the stock market: a huge increase in the num small investors, looking desperately for a hedge the insupportable depreciation value of money under the less pressure of inflation.

The stock market revolution produced such phenomena: enormous rise in the num unit-share investments (each share represents a investment over a wide equities), and a vast qu direct investment by pe one would never have dr buying in the stock market.

### Money Out to G

Similarly, the continu in art sales (it is Sothe Christie's who get all the just as it is the occasion buster of a Rembrandt discussed for days, but a enormous smaller auction as there is an overall larger volume of sales works at lesser prices) s dictates the same thing: seeing their money buy less as the years go by, the lower-income brackets doing, in greater and greater, what the richer folk ways done. They are put money out to grass, in the expectation that it will or faster.

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LONDON

Use Dining in a Russian Touch

By Jean Walker  
Dec. 8.—This place is a lovely example of Russian cooperation in the city of London. The Golden Duck, a little restaurant on the Fulham Road, has become a favorite hideaway for the new wave of quality restaurants of the city. According to Ken, author of half a century of Chinese cookery, the country's more Chinese restaurants are best thing he can find is that they are a necessary gap in the English to eating out. Their menu is at best a worst case of "I Americans invented."

Making Peking noodles, a specialty at the Golden Duck, takes a skilled Chinese hand.

Golden Duck Bistrot is a small, intimate, cozy place. The menu is a mix of Russian, Chinese, and English. The food is excellent, and the service is friendly. The atmosphere is warm and inviting. The Golden Duck is a must-visit for anyone looking for a unique dining experience in London.

offers "four ways with duck": roast Peking duck with spring onions, sauce and pancakes; red cooked duck with steamed Chinese bread; fragrant crisp duck, and paper sleeve duck. About this time, we noticed that no rice had appeared. A Chinese meal without rice? It does come with one or two dishes at the Golden Duck, if you insist, but you'll never miss it. Besides the most authentic Chinese decor in London, the

Bistro offers three "leave it to us" menus for those not knowledgeable enough to pick their way through the lengthy bill of fare. Time is more important here than money, for you should arrive with four hours in hand and five or six friends in tow to eat your way slowly through a convivial evening ending with sweets, such as glazed toffee apples, glazed bananas or lotus nuts, sweet almond curd, chowchow and dragon's eyes.

Mr. Shilhwarg was born in China of an old Russian Army family, and speaks the language like the native he is. His ambition is "to have a restaurant for each of my languages." So far, he has only the Chinese Bistrot and an Italian one, which leaves half a dozen more to go.

(The Golden Duck, 6 Hollywood Road, London S.W. 10. Telephone FLAman 3500.)



NEW YORK

Coco Chanel Takes a Beaton

By Marilyn Bender  
NEW YORK (NYT).—"Coco," the million-dollar musical about Gabrielle Chanel, the invincible Paris couturier, rates *comme ci, comme ça* as a fashion show. Or so it seemed during the first of five weeks of previews of the highly publicized, heavily subsidized spectacular starring Katharine Hepburn that opens at the Mark Hellinger Theatre on Dec. 18.

Broadway has seen more lavish and more brilliant fashion extravaganzas from the "Ziegfeld Follies" to "My Fair Lady" (whose costume and set designer, Cecil Beaton, is responsible for "Coco").

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Coco Chanel

high, tight Savile Row armhole that made duchesses and secretaries contented equals. Beaton would be dissatisfied with Cecil Beaton's copies.

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phenomenon as the pants and overblouse job that Hepburn wears in the First Act scene in her apartment. Baggy as a Soviet street sweeper's, the pants resemble early Ninotchka more than vintage Chanel. "Coco" does have a few high-fashion moments, however. Beaton has faithfully reproduced the French housewife ambience of Chanel's apartment with its peculiar blend of Louis XV, chinoiserie, animal sculptures and towering roses. In a fashion sense, "Coco" comes to life in the Second Act when the buyers from Ohlschlagel, Bloomingdale's Best's and Saks place their orders and Hepburn romps across the stage in a black lace over flesh-colored chiffon dress that covers her from collarbone to wristbone to anklebone in seamless, Chanelian elegance.

Then there's an earlier sequence celebrating the advent of the little black dress in all of Chanel's enchanting variations. The little black dress is tied to feminine independence—which is what Chanel stands for, after all.

Earliest Traces Of Jerusalem Are Discovered

JERUSALEM, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—Archaeologists here say they have uncovered the earliest traces so far found of the Biblical Israelite city of Jerusalem.

Prof. Nahman Avigad, who directed recent excavations in the Old City of Jerusalem, told a press conference that nine archaeological strata had been found, ranging from the Crusader period back to 700 years before Christ. Excavations over a 400-yard area of the Old City's Jewish quarter have also brought to light drawings of two candelabra on two plaster fragments believed to date from the reign of King Herod in the first century B.C.

International Gang Behind Idol Theft?

KATMANDU, Nepal, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—Nepalese police suspect that an international gang is behind a series of thefts of rare idols of Hindu gods from temples. Three of the idols, believed to be 700 years old, were recently stolen from an ancient temple in Banepa, 20 miles from here. Altogether 30 rare idols have been stolen from temples in the past three years.

Fashionable (Billy) Clubs

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP).—In New York, where street crime can be a problem, women can now buy clubs in their favorite colors to carry around with them.

"They have a dual purpose—fashion and protection," says Marilyn Baltar, the 29-year-old blonde who designed them. Called "Filly Billes," the clubs cost \$9 and are 2 feet long, 1 1/4 inches in diameter and weigh one pound each.

Miss Baltar says they are slimmer and "more feminine" than the regular New York policeman's nightstick. The New York police have them only in shades of brown and black but the fashion-conscious lady can buy a Filly Billy in metallic gold, metallic silver, white, red, blue or yellow. The clubs come with a gold chain so they can dangle from the waist or the shoulder.

Miss Baltar says the clubs go well with new styles. "They are in proper proportion with the maxicoat and pants everyone is wearing today... and they are a lot cheaper than a \$4,000 attack dog."

Miss Baltar carries a Filly Billy. "I almost used it the other night when an overly friendly man approached me on an East Side street," she says. "He took one look at it, and said 'I don't believe it. Are you for real?'"

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SEVILLE

Renatta Has Designs on Fashion World

By McDonough  
D. Dec. 8.—She is known as La Calle Dr. Fleming, modern street where anything goes. Renatta, from Ibiza and a sister of brown rice, would take her with Love Three, a gift from her brother.



Renatta and Love Three.

She is now tucked in Madrid Aquarium, known here as Renatta. She is sewing suede numbers for tiques. She's thinking in clothes, in spirit. "That's my Love in safe."

to market in a full-length sequin skirt and top, which, she said, cost her \$500 in New York City. "Sequins will be the next big thing for daytime," Renatta insisted, her enormous brown eyes laughing with the idea. "I'm putting them discreetly on suede vest fringes for men."

popular Spanish downbeat group Los Bravos for a television appearance in London. She lives in a very tame-looking apartment on Calle Juan Ramon Jimenez, where she has her equipment, a large sewing board, a puncher, thread and needles and a hand-pedal sewing machine, which she purchased in Madrid's flea market, the Rastro, for \$22.

Her living room is cluttered with pink, shrimp and pastel blue vests and skirts earmarked for the local boutiques. She delivers them in a battered black suitcase via the bus or metro.

Love One and Two From Pittsburgh, Renatta worked in publicity in New York and had an interest in small jazz clubs like Stugs. "The story that I danced with a snake in New York is not true," she admitted. "That was just a publicity stunt." Love One and Two were around during that epoch.

Her designing career began only three months ago when she took out an old vest and copied it in suede. "I didn't know what a pattern was then. But clothes are my thing. I want people to have fun when they dress."

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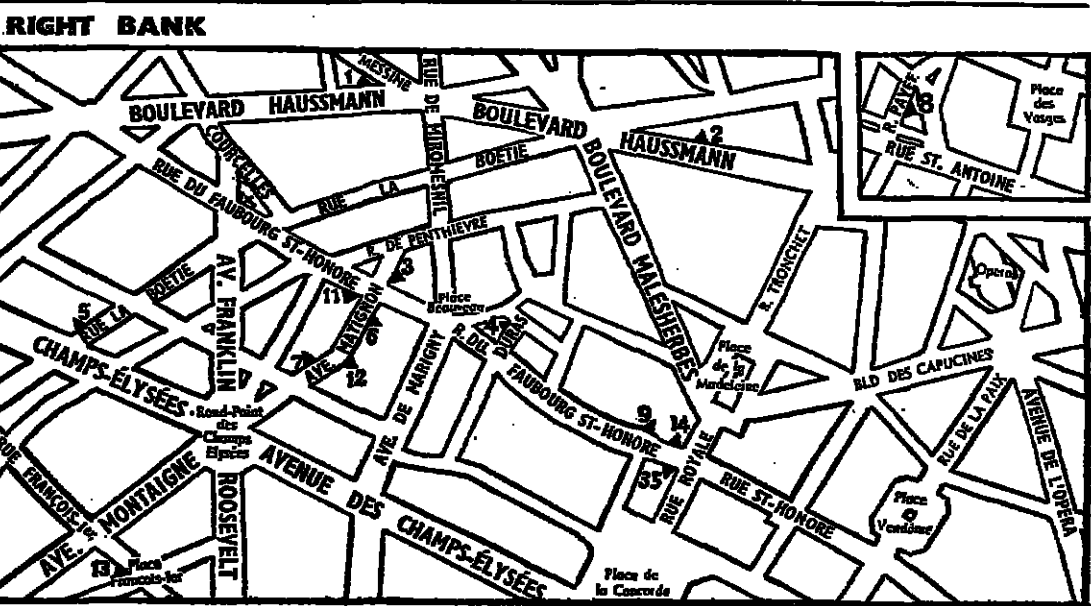
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## K. Payments Balance Has Big Surplus

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LONDON, Dec. 8 (UPI)—Britain's balance of payments has more than tripled in the third quarter, thanks to booming foreign earnings and long-term foreign investment money pouring into the country, official figures said today.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson said Britain has one of the best foreign positions in the world today. The Treasury gave the balance of payments figures for the three months ended September.

The balance of payments showed a dramatic improvement in the third quarter. Since then, foreign funds have been flowing into Britain, helping the country to make substantial repayments of its foreign debt.

The so-called "basic balance" combined surplus on current long-term capital accounts—\$13.3 million on a seasonally adjusted basis and showed a rise of \$1.8 million over the preceding quarter.

The current account surplus rose \$2.4 million to hit \$33.4 million in the third quarter, due to strong exports while imports weakened.

The \$213.6 million swing from a deficit to surplus in Britain's trade was the driving force of the current account surplus. But net "invisible" earnings, such as banking, insurance, shipping and tourism, turned rather flat.

The quarterly surplus, however, at \$33.4 million, is a high rate for Britain at a higher rate than in the three months and amounting to \$17.2 million over the previous three months.

The Treasury said these figures achieved despite the unsettled foreign exchange markets in the third quarter when the British pound was devalued and the German parliamentary election disrupted world currency markets.

Both events prompted an outflow of short-term capital from Britain. However, the pound's reserves were not badly hit by the European currency upsurge and the Treasury said to "Because of the large balance-of-payments surplus, the need for official financing was limited to \$120 million."

The average quarterly net showed that Britain was in the time of the \$24.8 million on the combined current and capital accounts. The deficit was \$144.4 million in the January-March quarter, then it swung to a surplus of \$72.8 million in the April-June quarter, and this was nearly doubled in the quarter ended September.

The pound sterling jumped three points on the foreign exchange market to \$2.2961 after the balance-of-payments figures were announced.

## Price of Gold Rises Further

By John M. Lee

LONDON, Dec. 8 (NYT)—The market price of gold continued to tumble today, dropping to 15 cents of the official price of \$35 an ounce.

London close of \$35.05 ended a 16-cent drop from \$35.21 close and another new low of \$34.89, compared to the \$34.87 high last spring.

The market is building in a bearish mood as gold prices in other markets are falling. A drop through that floor, central banks standing coolly and refusing to buy, would, in the view of many, mark the crown for gold speculators and for the pre-eminence of the dollar.

At least, the fall of gold is a favorable atmosphere for the first European tour of M. Kennedy as U.S. Treasury Secretary. Mr. Kennedy is discussing monetary affairs with European officials following his attendance at the North Atlantic Treaty summit meeting in Brussels.

Kennedy left London today on a flight following weekend with Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Roy Jenkins, Chancellor of the Exchequer. The talks of the general monetary including the gold question, which the two countries share a common view.

There were no official statements but it was a testimony to improvement in the world picture that both sides of the talks as "relaxed" and "friendly."



Richard C. Anderson



J. A. Tilot

## PEOPLE IN BUSINESS

Richard C. Anderson, manager of Europe-Africa-Middle East operations for Geophysical Service Inc., has been named a vice-president of the oil exploration subsidiary of Texas Instruments Inc., continuing to be headquartered in Crofton, England.

Glore Forgan Staats, New York-based investment banker, has opened a European representative office in Brussels, naming J. A. Tilot to head the operation which will deal essentially with corporate finance services.

Former U. S. space project director George E. Mueller, 51, has been named a vice-president of General Dynamics, to supervise systems programs and development.

As part of a textile division reorganization, Monsanto Co. has

named Eric Sharp assistant general manager for commercial areas activity. Mr. Sharp, formerly director of marketing for KOI Fibres and a member of the board, joined the Monsanto Europe SA (Brussels) board in August. He will be headquartered in New York in the new Monsanto post.

W. R. Grace & Co. has placed the Vesta division, controlling sales and services in Europe, on an independent basis, naming as its head Jiri Brotan. Also named to new Vesta posts were J. P. Baugh and D. Bodini, as general managers in France and Italy, respectively.

F. A. Newman has been appointed manager of Gulf Oil Co.'s international crude oil and products department for the Eastern Hemisphere. He will be headquartered in London.

## Trend Seen as Temporary

## Wall Street Less Attractive To Foreign Investors in '69

By Robert E. Dallos

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The foreign investor has broken off his romance with Wall Street. This is the consensus of officials of banks and brokerage houses whose overseas branches handle much of the investments of non-Americans on the New York and American Stock Exchanges and elsewhere. Recent federal government figures bear out that such a trend has been taking place during most of 1969.

It's a trend, to be sure, that is receiving more than passing attention in Washington. In view of the deterioration in the U.S. balance of payments during the past several years, foreign investment in the United States—both capital and security market investment—has become an important objective of governmental policy.

Foreign Purchases Fall  
Total purchases of U.S. stocks by foreign residents fell to \$1.01 billion in the first nine months of this year, as compared to \$1.47 billion in the same period last year. For all of last year, such investments totaled \$2.27 billion.

In fact, over the summer, and for the first time since 1967, sales of U.S. stocks by foreigners during two months topped purchases. This produced a net disinvestment of \$104 million in June and \$32 million in July.

The foreign disillusionment in the U.S. markets actually began last March (in that month net foreign investment totaled \$100 million, compared to \$247 million in the same 1968 month) following a 24-month uninterrupted trend toward greater investment started in February of 1967.

The major reason why Europeans are forsaking Wall Street, of course, is quite obvious: The slump on the major U.S. markets. For the most part, analysts here agree that, no matter how bad things get, investors—regardless of their nationality—will let funds ride in a declining market when no alternative exists. But they agree, too, that foreigners currently have a number of such alternatives to investing in America.

Many Europeans, for instance, have been pulling their money out of America for investment in Eurodollars.

"With interest rates on Eurodollars running at between 10 percent and 12 percent," says a Bache & Co. official, "what's out there?"

Besides Eurodollars, there are other lucrative courses open to foreign investors at the moment. Much of the money they had put into Wall Street is now ending up on trading floors in Paris, Frankfurt, Milan or Amsterdam where things aren't as gloomy as they are here.

New York, London Off  
According to Britain's prestigious publication, the Economist, only the London (18 percent) and New York (13 percent) exchange indices of all the world bourses have declined from the same time a year ago.

The Paris exchange index has risen 36 percent from this time a year ago, in Italy it is up 28 percent, Frankfurt has shown a 15 percent rise while other major market indices—Sweden (14 percent), Holland (7 percent), Belgium (3 percent), and Canada (2.6 percent)—have shown less significant increases.

While foreign stocks are absorbing large sums once destined for this side of the Atlantic, much money is resting in bank savings deposits earning secure (and relatively high) interest rates.

But the division of European markets and savings accounts is insignificant when compared to the rising amount of foreign investment—including stable U.S. investments—which are finding their way across the Pacific Ocean and into the high rising Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Investments in Japan  
As a result, another detriment to the U.S. payments balance appears on the horizon. Net purchases of foreign securities (including bonds) by Americans rose from \$325 million in the first quarter of this year to \$413 million in the second quarter, and it is believed that the level of the second quarter is the highest for any quarter since sometime during the early 1960s.

The main reason for this trend, believe many analysts, is because of U.S. investment in Japan.

Why is all the money traveling East?  
At the moment, at least, it seems that Japan is where the money is to be made.

Reflecting the dynamic expansion of the Japanese economy coupled with a recent sharp improvement in the country's balance of payments, the Japanese stock market has continued its advance. A 31 percent increase in the share index was followed by a further advance of 17.5 percent in the first nine months of the current year.

Japan, in fact, is the only country whose stock index currently stands at its historical high. (The indices in all other countries are well below their record levels ranging from Italy (37 percent lower), Britain (21 percent lower) and New York (off 15.6 percent) to France whose index is 4 percent below its record high and Germany which is only 3 percent below its peak.)

Optimistic Outlook  
Most Wall Street observers feel that the current disenchantment abroad won't last forever.

"The tapering off in the acquisition of U.S. stocks by foreigners in the first half of 1969 reflects less a lack of confidence in the long-term potential of the U.S. economy than an expression of the cycle nature of stock markets," says the Chase Manhattan Bank. "Foreigners continue to maintain an important position in U.S. securities. Total foreign holdings of U.S. stocks have doubled in the last decade and now amount to over \$25 billion. It indicates that foreign interest in U.S. securities is no transitory phenomenon."

Bache's vice-president Alexander C. Schwartz Jr. says foreign investors "are ready and waiting. The minute our market starts to rekindle—regardless of the alternative they have—they will be back. And they will be back in much greater numbers this time. We are going to see the greatest foreign investment we have ever seen in this country."

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## Foreign Stock Indexes

	Year	Prev.	High	Low
Amsterdam	121.7	122.7	124.4	122.2
Brussels	90.41	90.49	102.59	90.41
Frankfurt	187.88	170.40	177.24	149.46
London	383.4	382.4	401.1	357.8
London 500	149.38	149.31	150.73	145.08
Milan	Closed	70.58	70.58	60.43
Paris	120.5	120.0	125.9	101.3
Stock	599.08	597.25	625.17	545.20
Tokyo (n)	187.46	186.98	170.87	143.73
Tokyo (c)	218.98	218.46	223.51	174.88
Swiss	348.7	349.4	353.7	316.0

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## Goal Is Self-Sufficiency

## U.S. Firms Aid South Africa In \$7 Billion Search for Oil

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Dec. 8 (NYT)—Ocean Traveler, a huge offshore drilling rig, is nearing the end of a 6,000-mile voyage to start a new \$7 billion chapter in South Africa's search for oil.

For 80 years South Africa, endowed with a treasure chest of natural resources including most of the Western world's gold and diamonds and a large percentage of its uranium, has been drilling for oil—on land and needs most to become industrially self-sufficient and unaffected by any threat of boycott or sanction.

At present South Africa spends \$190 million a year importing crude oil from potentially hostile Persian Gulf sources. It manufactures 10 percent of its requirements through an oil-from-coal process, although much of this finds its way to blockaded Rhodesia.

U.S. Firms Involved  
American business is largely behind the multimillion-dollar search for oil prospects.

Ocean Traveler, which has been working the North Sea in Britain's hunt for natural gas and oil, is being leased by Superior Oil Co. of the United States.

It will sink its first probe just over two miles from the spot 40 miles offshore where Superior's oil-drilling ship, the Glomar Sirt, struck a source of petroleum gas in March. Superior has announced it is spending \$7 billion on its drilling program.

Next to the Superior concession in Agulhas Bay on South Africa's western coast, U.S. Natural Resources Inc., of Delaware, has linked up with the South African mining company Rand Mines to explore a 5-nautical-mile strip.

Intensified Search  
The intensified search in both these areas follows operations carried out by the American survey ship Jep Tide.

Altogether 11 firms—nine international and two South African—are engaged in exploring 120,000 square miles of concessions, from Zululand on South Africa's eastern seaboard to its stormy, inhospitable Atlantic west coast up to the border with South West Africa.

So far, drilling has been carried out from ships like Superior's 347-ft.-long Glomar Sirt. The ar-

## No Ease Seen On Monetary Policy in U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—George W. Mitchell, governor of the Federal Reserve Board, said today he could see no reason for easing credit at the present time.

Mr. Mitchell also said he could see the need in the future for removing Regulation "Q," setting the maximum interest banks are allowed to pay on time deposits.

In response to a question at a conference sponsored by Business Week magazine, Mr. Mitchell said he saw "no reason for changing the aggregate burden of restraint today."

He added that if there were a change in the fiscal climate this might be a reason for changing monetary policy.

Opposes Fed Proposal  
In his prepared speech, Mr. Mitchell indicated his opposition to Fed proposals on regulating the use of commercial paper by bank holding companies. He noted most of the comment from banks on this have been "hostile" and said he felt banks' access to the market had been circumscribed too much.

Mr. Mitchell also indicated he did not believe credit controls were necessary to fight the current inflation.

He noted that corporations were leaning heavily on the commercial paper market for funds, but he felt that once the realization arrived that profit margins were narrowing, this would curtail use of that market.

Asked if the Fed had any plans to help housing, Mr. Mitchell replied that the housing situation was not as bad as the situation in 1968.

He declined, when asked, to make any prediction about interest rates.

## U.S. Paint Firm Buys Stock of U.K. Company

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—Morgan Grenfell and Co. said it purchased Friday 541,700 warrants and 1.95 million shares of Berger, Jensen and Nicholson Ltd. for Sherwin-Williams Co. of the United States.

Sherwin-Williams is seeking to acquire the British paint firm against a rival offer from Hoechst, the West German chemical firm.

Directors of Berger, Jensen said today they are "sympathetically inclined" to the Hoechst offer, made Friday. This offer of \$1.56 a share tops Sherwin-Williams' previous bid of \$1.44 a share.

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## N.Y. Stock Prices Tumble Sharply

By Vartan G. Vartan

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (NYT)—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange plunged to their lowest level in more than three years today as a key member of the Nixon administration predicted that the United States economy is in for "bad, bitter medicine."

Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans, a former investment banker, issued the forecast and, with Wall Street already reeling from bad news, it carried tremendous clout.

## Dow Jones Index Lowest Since '66

Earlier, he had hinted that tight credit policies may lie ahead for perhaps as much as another six months. Such a stretchout in stringent fiscal and credit policies would deal a body blow to the stock market, which has been hoping for an early end to the credit tightness that has been in effect for a full year.

The Dow Jones industrial average, a barometer that has been falling steadily, plummeted 7.99 to close at 785.04, its poorest level of a dismal session.

This represented a new low for the blue-chip indicator since October, 1966. It has plunged more than 19 percent from this year's high of 968.85 on May 14.

Meanwhile, the railroad average rolled down to its poorest reading since late 1968. Analysts said one adverse factor for the rails was the inflationary implication of a wage increase accorded last week to shopcraft unions.

The setback in the utility average, continuing to fall as interest rates reach record heights, carried it back to the bear-market break of 1963.

Litton Industries, a peer among conglomerates in the mid-1960s, was the market's biggest single casualty.

Leading the active list, Litton felt the impact of institutional selling as it fell 8 to 40 7/8. In 1967, the stock traded above 114.

Litton's price plunge followed announcement of slightly lower earnings for the first quarter of the current fiscal year.

Volume on the Big Board slumped to a low 9.99 million shares from last Friday's 11.15 million shares. Brokers said the current sparse volume indicates a lack of willingness on the part of customers—big and small—to bid for stocks.

The Big Board's scoreboard showed only 234 advances and 1,149 declines. There were four new-year highs and 234 new lows. Some technical analysts described the market as "deeply oversold."

IBM lost 1 1/2 to 355 1/2 in a lower computer and glamour group. Burroughs was off 3 1/2 at 158 7/8. Memorex 3 1/4 at 151 3/4, University Computing 1 1/2 at 94 1/2, and American Research and Development 1 3/8 to 76 5/8.

Sperry Rand was off 1 at 42 1/8 while Xerox was up 1/2 at 105. Another already depressed group that saw further erosion was Oils. Indiana Standard lost 1 1/8 to 45 1/8, Atlantic Richfield 3 1/4 to 85, Phillips 1 1/8 to 23 1/4, Shell 1 1/4 to 44 3/4.

Fractionally lower in the group were Gulf, Occidental, Texaco and Jersey Standard.

Gold stocks tumbled lower. Campbell Red Lake was off 1 3/8 at 16 5/8. American South African lost 2 to 22 3/4 while other gold issues were fractionally lower.

TWA lost 1 1/4 to 26 3/4, United Airlines 1 1/4 to 28, Pan Am 1/2 to 12 1/4 in the depressed airlines group.

## Profit Off 7 Percent at Litton; Doubles at Zapata-Norness, CI

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Dec. 8 (Reuters)—Litton Industries today reported that net income fell about 7 percent in the first quarter ended Oct. 31. Sales, however, were up about 15 percent.

Income dipped to \$12.26 million, or 54 cents a share, from the \$13.57 million, 58 cents a share, in the year-ago period.

Revenues climbed to \$548.5 million from \$475 million in the earlier period.

Litton president Roy Ash said that he expects per share earnings for the current fiscal year to exceed the \$2.43 a share earned in the last fiscal year.

He said the first-quarter decline reflected "substantially greater interest cost this year."

Chairman Charles B. Thornton said the company expects growth in every product area. He said Litton will continue to broaden its product base by acquisition and internal development of new products.

Zapata-Norness

Net income at Zapata-Norness more than doubled in the year-end

Sept. 30 to \$15.65 million from \$6.89 million in the year-earlier period.

Sales, also more than double, rose to \$191.1 million from \$92.99 million.

The company noted that this year's net includes an extraordinary gain of \$485,000 while the 1968 figures contained an extraordinary loss of \$825,000.

City Investing

City Investing's profits for the first half ended Oct. 31 more than doubled while revenues rose about 55 percent, the company announced in New York today.

Net income totaled \$32.61 million, or \$1.14 a share, compared to \$16.01, or 79 cents a share, in the 1968 period. Revenues rose to \$63.3 million compared to \$170.5 million.

For the second quarter, net income was \$17.64 million, or 63 cents a share, compared to the previous year's \$11.53 million, or 44 cents a share. Revenues in the quarter rose to \$133.9 million from the \$86.96 million recorded in the year-ago period.

## Economic Analysis

## Where's America's Economic Downturn?

By Hobart Rowen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (WP)—So where is the economic slowdown that everybody in Washington has been promising?

Just look at what's been happening: ● Unemployment, which had been creeping up since early in the year, dropped sharply in November to 3.4 percent. Instead of a rise in the jobless total, normal for November, unemployment on a seasonally adjusted basis was reduced. Certainly no sign of a creaking economy there.

● Businessmen proved that as a group they are big spenders: On top of an 11 percent increase in expenditures during this year, the government survey of intentions shows they are planning another 11 percent increase in the first half of 1970.

● And Congress seems determined to underwrite a new consumer boom. Last week, the men on the Hill proceeded to go haywire, turning the "tax reform" bill into an orgy of tax-cutting that makes no economic sense.

For example, a group of determined senators sneaked through a "small business" exemption from the repeal of the 7 percent investment credit. It would retain the exemption on \$20,000 worth of investment (for anybody, not just a small businessman). Cost to the Treasury would be upwards of \$700 million a year.

Budgetary Deficits a Possibility  
All told, the tax reduction bonanzas that the Senate has been voting, coupled with various appropriations totals that the administration doesn't want, could throw both the fiscal 1970 and fiscal 1971 budgets into a deficit.

Little wonder that Federal Reserve Chairman-designate Arthur F. Burns said the other day: "I am inclined to think that the need for expenditure reform may be even greater than the need for tax reform."

The stunning drop in unemployment in November, coupled with business plans for still more new and modern factories next year, shows a well-informed conviction that Mr. Nixon and the Congress have lost their fight to beat inflation.

One should always remember that a single month's figures, like the employment data for November, can not be taken as conclusive proof of anything.

Even so, the total picture has been frustrating for administration officials like Paul W. McCracken, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, who had been begging businessmen to look "at the other side of the valley," where a less pressurized economy, with substantially slower growth rates, would dominate.

"Those businessmen," says a long-time observer of the Capitol Hill scene, "have decided that they will leap over the valley, and land on the next mountain. And you can put the blame right here. Congress has been too liberal with tax reduction."

The madcap circus going on over the "tax reform" bill could mean that this will be the last such attempt by this or any other administration for a long time. By 1971, the tax cuts in the bill will exceed money brought in by plugged loopholes by at least \$5 billion.

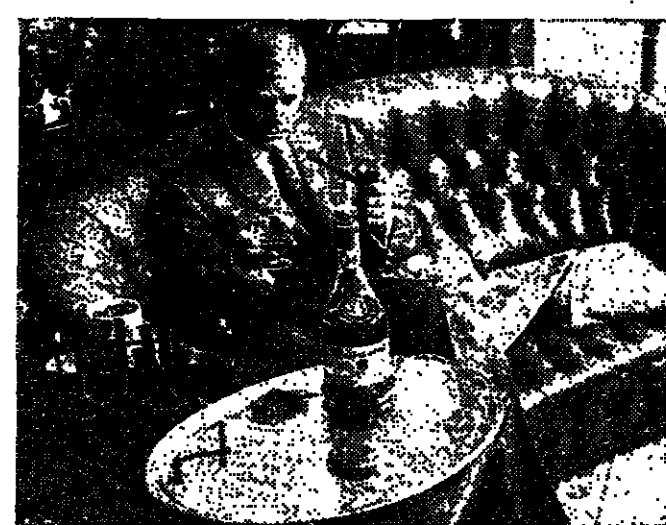
Pressures to Maintain Restrictive Policy  
If the Nixon administration is pushed into a budget deficit position, there will be strong pressures on the Federal Reserve Board to maintain a terribly restrictive monetary policy. Would you believe prime bank rates of 10 or 11 percent soon, or utility bond rates at the same levels in 1970? Bond market men say there were days last week when there were no bids for bonds for long, painful periods.

The hurtful disinterest of investors in putting their money into bonds and other fixed-income instruments illustrates the degree to which this economy is messed up: While Congress acts to fatten private pocketbooks, through larger exemptions and boosted social security benefits, the public sector is starved for funds. States and municipalities that need money for urgent public projects are either paying record interest rates—or postponing their plans.

It is difficult to argue with the conclusion of a Conference on Economic Progress report, prepared by Leon H. Keyserling:

"The 'tax reform bill' would surrender several billion dollars of federal revenue... Meanwhile, vital domestic federal spending programs are severely restrained... This continues the recurrent orgy of tax-cutting at the expense of a rational and humane national economic policy."

He declined, when asked, to make any prediction about interest rates.



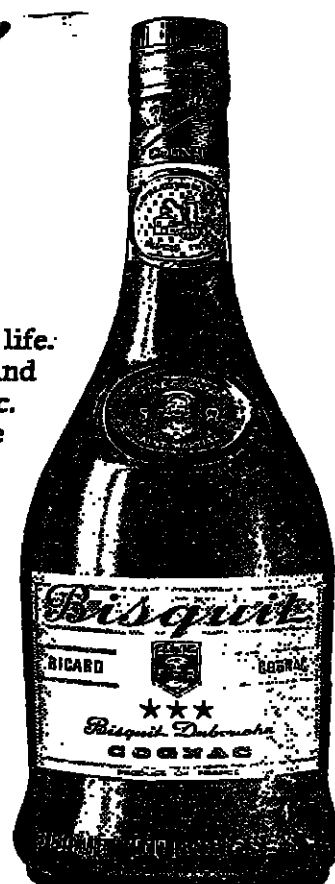
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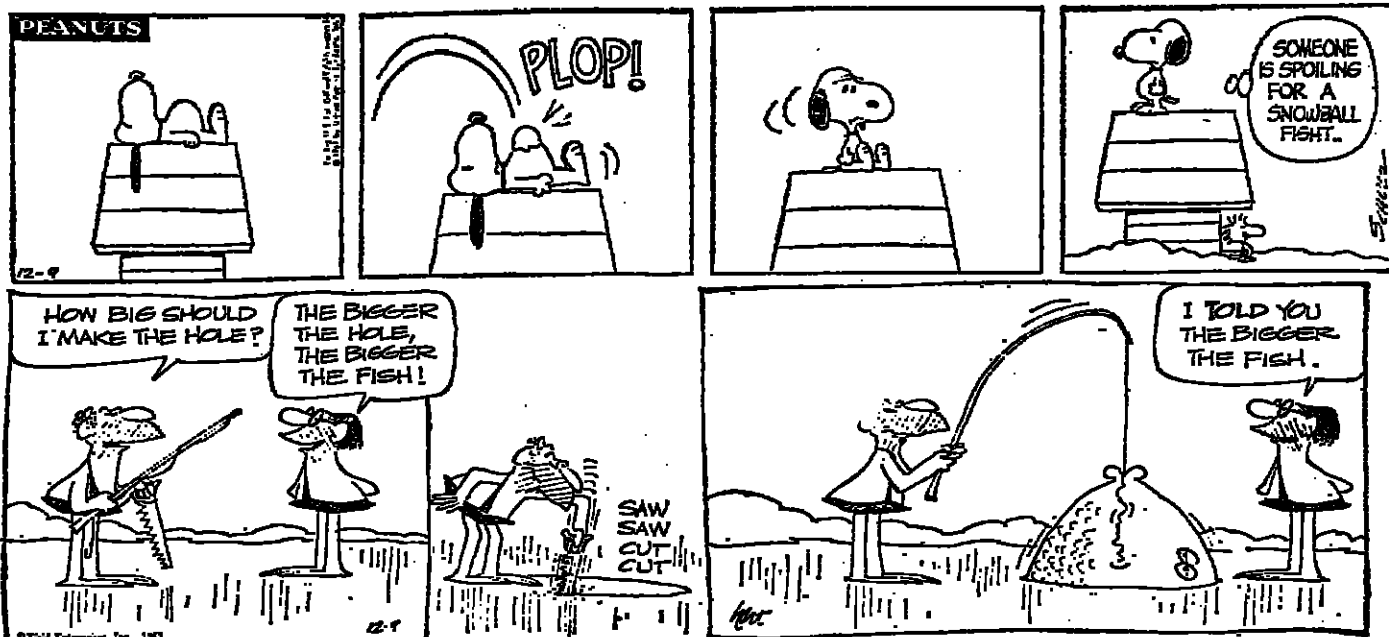
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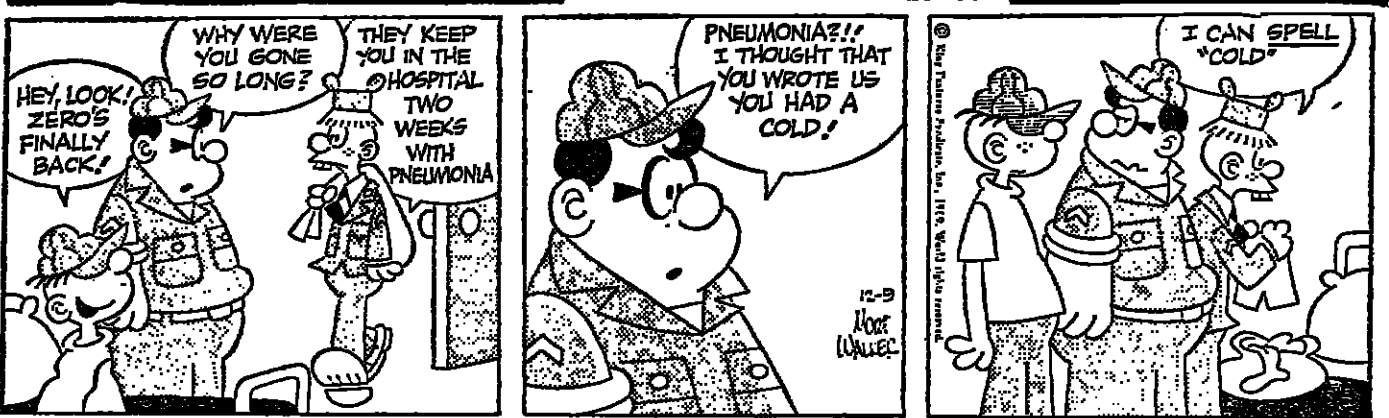
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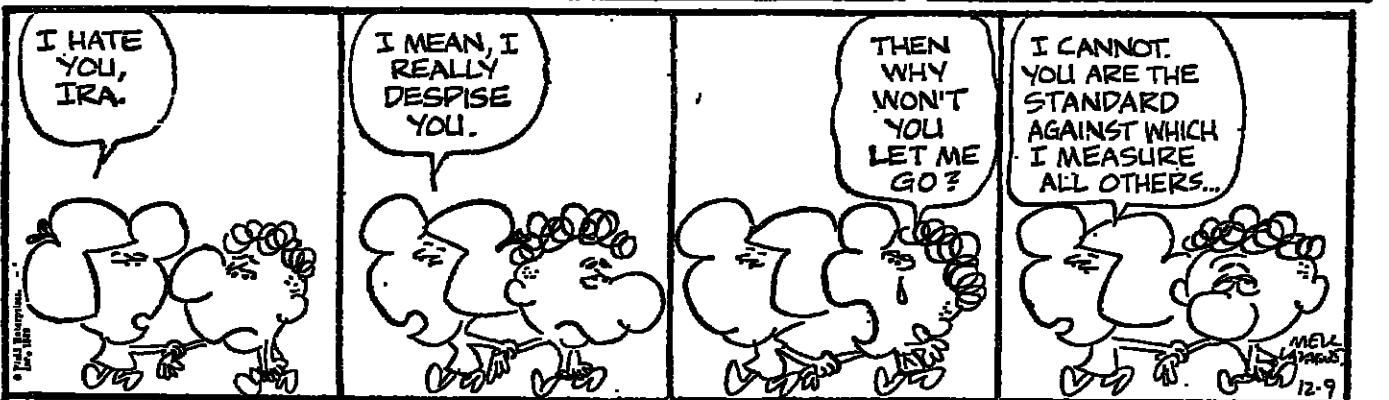
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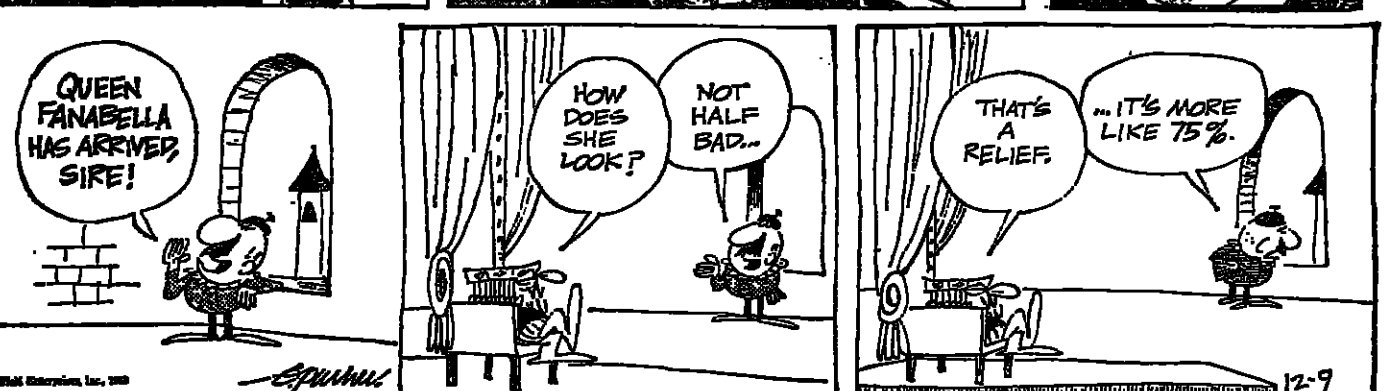
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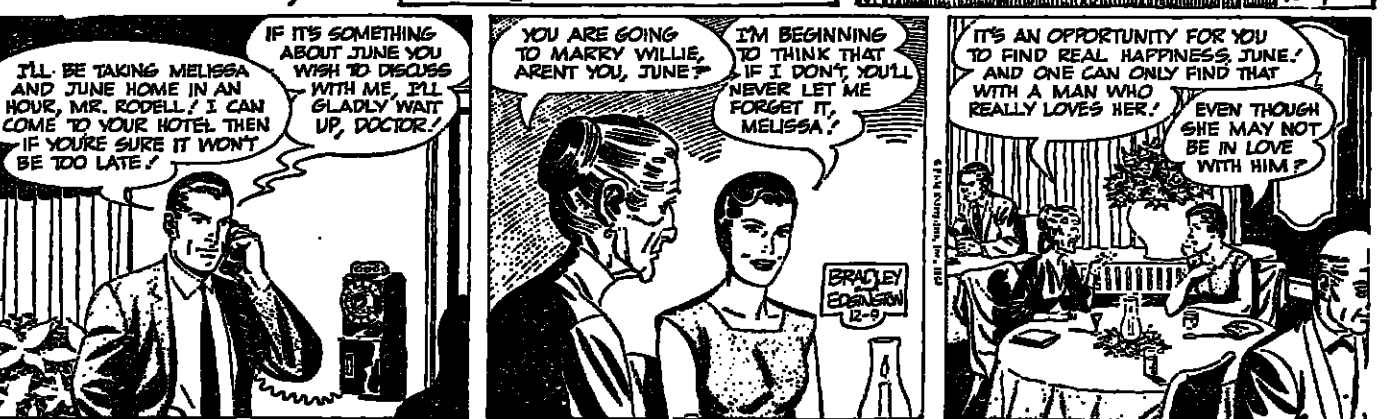
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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

The newest artificial bridge system, entitled "mini-pro," is a "simplified" version of the pattern relay organized system.

The mini-pro system is based on "relays." One player makes meaningless noises while his partner describes his hand in detail. This is illustrated by the diagrammed deal. North opened with one heart, and subsequently described his distribution and strength in accordance with the dictates of the system. South's bids were all artificial requests for further information.

Before West led to three no-trump the bidding was explained to him. He was advised correctly that the dummy would contain one spade, four hearts, three diamonds and five clubs, with 11-13 points. However, the bidding had revealed nothing whatever about the nature of the South hand except that it was suitable for a no-trump game with the information provided by North.

West led the club six, an unfortunate choice as it turned out, and South made a surprising number of overtricks to earn a top score. He ducked in dummy, winning the first trick with the club jack, and played three rounds of spades. West won and shifted to a diamond. Dummy's ten was covered by the queen and captured by the ace.

At this point South had 11 sure tricks, and he made the 13th by squeezing East. The spade winners were cashed, and dummy was entered with the heart ace. When ace and king of clubs were taken, East could not keep his diamond winner and guard the hearts.

Even if West had been able to guard diamonds the defense would have done no better. As West had to keep a club guard, both defenses would have been squeezed in turn by the play of the black suits.

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 WEST  
 ♠ Q74  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ 7432  
 ♣ Q10963  
 EAST  
 ♠ J106  
 ♥ Q10963  
 ♦ KQ9  
 ♣ 82  
 SOUTH  
 ♠ AK9852  
 ♥ K104  
 ♦ A86  
 ♣ J

Neither side was vulnerable.  
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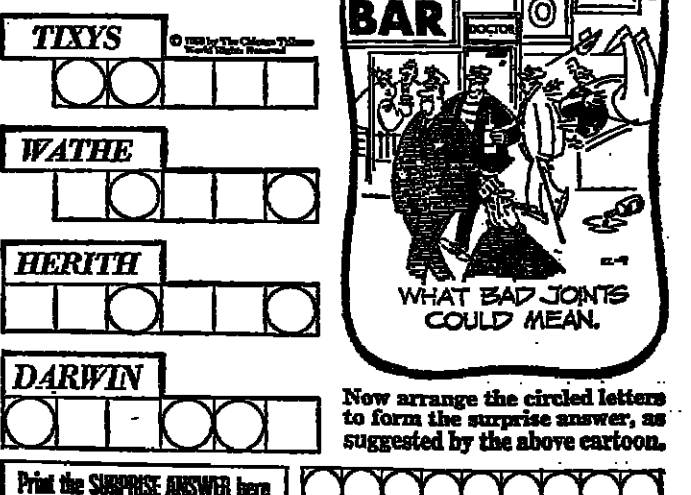
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BOOKS

LOVEY CHILDS:

A PHILADELPHIAN'S STORY

By John O'Hara. Random House. 256 p.

Reviewed by E. J. Davis

JOHN O'HARA'S new book can scarcely be described as a novel. It is hard to know just what to call it, exactly; I suppose "narrative" comes closest to the mark without being impolite. In a few episodes, written with O'Hara's usual brisk professionalism, it recounts the disastrous careers, various madnesses and bleak perversions of Charlotte ("Lovely") Childs, her mother Dorothy, and a bunch of other Main Line people back in the Twenties. Not one person in the book ever becomes more than a stranger, snapshots of whose conversation we have overheard and whose fate is a matter of utterly no consequence and very little interest, except for the dirty parts, and even they are kind of hard to take. I simply don't believe the lesbian scenes; I've been standing right outside the door the whole time and I've heard every word, but I don't believe a one of them. It is almost as though the event has been staged for my benefit by a cunning blackmailing whose sole object is to blacken the characters of the alleged participants as much as it is humanly possible. This is a very nasty little book indeed, full of clever, malicious gossip and scarcely a particle of truth. And like all gossip, what's interesting is not much the events described as the manner and motives of the teller.

We are told, for example, that Lovely's mother has suffered a nervous breakdown (we discover this by means of some letters, no doubt obtained for us by forcing the lock on somebody's desk drawer). Well, by golly, a few pages later Lovely's

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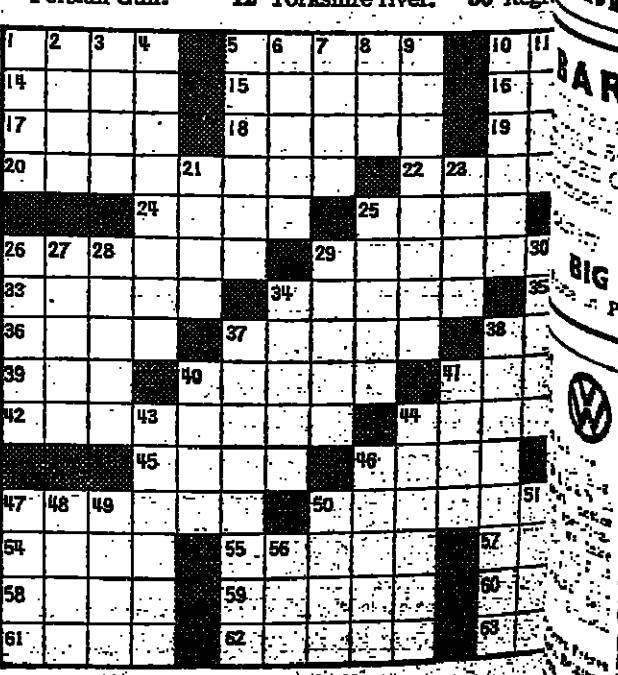
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# Vikings Hand Rams First Defeat, 20-13

By Dave Brady

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8 (UPI)—The Los Angeles Rams' 11-game winning streak ended yesterday with a 20-13 final score in a game that was not as close as the Rams' record suggested.

The Vikings who have been winning since they lost to the Rams' front four yesterday with a 20-13 final score in a game that was not as close as the Rams' record suggested.

## Stenerud's 5 Field Goals Help Chiefs Edge Bills

By Dave Anderson

AS CITY, Dec. 8 (UPI)—A field goal that established a new record for the Kansas City Chiefs yesterday helped them edge the Buffalo Bills 17-16 in a game that was not as close as the Rams' record suggested.

The Chiefs' victory was the Rams' 11th of the season against a loss and a tie and reversed their only defeat. Lamonica, now only three short of the single-season TD passing record shared by George Blanda and Y. A. Tittle, threw 51 and 16 yards to Warren Wells and 16 to Fred Biletnikoff.

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## Death Reports of 'Palmer Era' Were Obviously Premature

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Dec. 8 (UPI)—Arnie Palmer, who turned the clock back seven years with one of his old "charges" yesterday to win the Danny Thomas Golf Classic for his second straight tournament triumph, proved he's not through yet as a top golf star.

"There had been a doubt in my mind whether I'd ever be able to play well again," admitted Palmer after coming from six strokes behind and beating Texas' Gay Brewer by two strokes with a final round 65 for a 72-hole, 18-under-par 270 total.

"It was most important to me to prove that I could play well again," said Palmer, "important to me in my profession, in my business—well, in my life. It was the thing I wanted most, to get back into the game."

The triumph, following his first 1969 victory a week ago in the Heritage Classic, marked the end of a long trail back. In August, Palmer failed to make the midway cut in the PGA championship and headed home to rest and reshape his game and ponder his future.

A month after that came his 40th birthday amid speculation by many that the "Palmer era," in which tournament golf achieved dizzying heights of popularity and financial success, was at an end.

But yesterday, winning his old-fashioned way when it seemed impossible, he turned the whole thing around and now is making plans for a vigorous 1970 campaign.

"I'm going home now to take care of some end-of-the-year business and relax with my family for a few days," he said.

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the holidays until about the first of the year," he said. "Then my next tournament will be the Los Angeles Open in the second week of January. I plan to compete in about 20 tournaments in 1970, to pick a round number."

Brewer, starting the final day with a 54-hole total of 189, looked like an easy winner when he birdied the first hole to raise his lead at that point to seven strokes.

"But I guess I relaxed then or something," admitted the 1967 Masters champion. "I missed a 2-1/2-foot putt on the fifth hole and that started me on the way to my bad round (a one-over-par 73). I played better on the second nine, but I just didn't have it today."

Palmer had a 33-33 for 65. His round included seven birdies on the fifth, sixth, ninth, 14th, 15th, 17th and 18th holes—and 11 pars.

"Those last five holes—were just fantastic," said Brewer.

Palmer, the leading money-winner in golf history, finished the year with \$125,138 in earnings, including \$25,000 here. It was his 54th PGA tournament victory.

Arnold Palmer ... \$25,000 65-67-70-65-70  
Gay Brewer ... \$14,300 65-68-73-72-73  
C. Dickson ... \$8,800 70-68-68-68-74  
Hal Underwood ... \$6,400 68-70-72-72-73  
Larry Shoop ... \$5,400 68-68-68-68-74  
George Archer ... \$4,800 70-75-67-64-76  
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Sam Snead ... \$3,300 70-71-71-70-79  
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Tommy Aaron ... \$2,800 70-68-68-71-79  
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## Owners Mull Reorganization Baseball Plans Centralization

By Leonard Koppett

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 8 (UPI)—A radical reorganization of baseball's administration, which would centralize virtually all power of essential decision in the hands of the commissioner, has been presented for consideration to the owners of the 24 major league clubs.

This was the final activity of the 1969 winter meetings, which adjourned Saturday. Another meeting will be called in several weeks to consider the matter after the owners have had a chance to digest it.

With uncharacteristic candor, the owners made public the proposals even as they were hearing them for the first time. The report, called "proposed reorganization of professional baseball," was the first formal presentation by the planning committee formed a year ago after the sudden dismissal of Commissioner William D. Eckert.

The committee then was composed of Jerry Hoffberger of Boston as chairman, Dick Meyer of St. Louis and John Holland of the Chicago Cubs. In February, when a deadlock over choosing a new commissioner was resolved by the appointment of Tom Bowie Kuhn, the two main unsuccessful candidates, Chub Feeney of the San Francisco Giants and Mike Burke of the New York Yankees, were added to the committee with Kuhn.

Feeney Opposed

However, the major feature of the proposals had already been passed by the election of Feeney as National League president last Thursday.

Within the committee Feeney had opposed decreasing the autonomy of the league presidents. He accepted the National League post on the understanding that the office would remain as in the past. His decision to set up headquarters in San Francisco was motivated partly by the desire to avoid appearing to endorse immediately the centralization feature of the proposed plan.



## Art Buchwald

## A Review of the War

WASHINGTON. — Time flies by so fast that it is always good to review, every year or so, why we are in Vietnam.

"Sergeant, will you start the briefing?"

"Okay you guys, now pay strict attention, because I'm going to say it only once. The reason we are in Vietnam is to protect the goods from being overrun by Charley."

"Charley is the enemy. Is that correct, sergeant?"

"Yes, sir. He's also a gook, but he's their gook, and the exercise is to knock off more of their goods than they can knock off of our goods."

"Sergeant, I hate to interrupt, but could you use another word other than gook when discussing the Vietnamese people?"

"Yes, sir. I'll use dinks. Now the big reason we're there is to train our dinks to be able to fight Charley after we pull out. This is called Vietnamizing the war. There is some question whether our dinks can do it because Charley is a helluva fighter and you have to admire him, even if you hate him."

"Do you have another word besides dinks?"

"We also call them slops. The only good slope is a dead slope."

"Wait, sergeant. I believe you should qualify that by saying the only good slope is a dead slope, if he's one of their slops."

"That's what I meant. Now there's no problem knowing who the good slops are in Saigon. But when you get out of Saigon, any slop, dink or gook could or could not be working for Charley, including women and children."

"And that presents a problem, doesn't it, sergeant?"

"This is our major problem in Nam. The Papa Sams and Mama Sams all look alike, and sometimes you could burn down

a hootch and it could belong to a good slope or it could belong to a bad dink—you never know. If you burn down the hootches of the good slops, then you lose them to the Cong. But if you burn down the hootches of the bad slops, then it serves as a warning to them not to cooperate with Charley."

"Sergeant, don't you think you ought to tell them what a hootch is?"

"It's somebody's home. Everybody knows that. Now, in spite of what you read in the papers, the pacification program isn't going as well as the Saigon government would like you to believe, and some areas that are supposed to be occupied by friendly slops are, in effect, still controlled by Charley."

"What do you do if you're not sure?"

"You zap first and ask questions later."

"I think you should mention, though, sergeant, that we do not condone killing innocent people."

"Of course we don't. We have to win them over to our side and you're not going to do that if you kill them. At the same time, if the people are on their side, you're not going to take a chance that they're going to kill you."

"We should all keep that in mind."

"Now, our only purpose in being in Nam is to protect the Vietnamese so they won't be taken over by the commies."

"The best way to persuade the commies they can't win is by body counts. The more people we can kill, the less chance there is for a commie take-over."

"At the same time, sergeant, we must be certain that the bodies we count are only Communist bodies, and not the innocent victims of bombing and artillery."

"That's correct, sir. If there is any question as to whether it was a good gook or a bad gook, it's best that he or she be left out of the final tally."

"Thank you, sergeant. I believe everyone understands it. Now, are there any questions?"

Buchwald

## Noel Coward at 70: 'A Talent to Amuse...'

By Richard L. Coe

WASHINGTON (WP)—Noel Coward's claim to fame is fairly humble, as he himself once put it in a song:

"But I believe That since my life began, The most I've had is just A talent to amuse."

This facile talent to amuse prompted Alexander Woollcott to dub Coward "destiny's fool." On Dec. 16 in London, his countrymen will start a week of celebrations observing his 70th birthday.

British TV will revive some of his plays: "Billie's Spirit," "Hay Fever" and "Bitter Sweet." The National Theatre will revive his favorite film, "In Which We Serve," and his most successful play, "Private Lives," starring Lynn Redgrave and Michael Caine. And there will be a charity ball at the Savoy, aiding the Actors' Orphanage, which he headed for nearly 30 years.

In America, Washington's National Theatre is celebrating Mr. Coward's birthday a month ahead of time with "Private Lives" on a brief tour before facing Broadway.

Destiny's fool never has been lazy. He's written 60 plays, a dozen films, a score of books. He's been a professional performer for 58 years, has composed several hundred songs and boasts of having had only two music lessons in his life—"an outburst of rugged individualism," he confesses, "which deprived me of much valuable knowledge and I have never deeply regretted it for a moment."

## Essence of Coward

That inverted confession is typical of his style, and style is the essence of Coward.

Superficially, it is phily. When critic Hammer Swifter, who spent years tearing Coward down, wanted to make peace he murmured: "I have always said that you act much better than you write."

Replied Coward: "How odd. I'm always saying the same thing about you." To a reporter who asked his idea of a perfect life, Coward answered: "Mine."

When Gertrude Lawrence, for whom he wrote it, first read "Private Lives," she wired him: "There's nothing wrong with it that can't be fixed," to which he replied: "The only thing that needs to be fixed is your performance."

Such ripostes have added to an image Coward himself created more or less by

chance at the start of his career. Now, in his 70th year, comes a biography that places his *bon mot* in perspective.

This is called "A Talent to Amuse" by Sheridan Morley, 28-year-old son of actor Robert Morley, a noted telecaster and journalist in his own right. An introduction, amounting to a unique endorsement by John Gielgud, notes that this is "a critical rather than effusive biography."

Coward has written several autobiographies, with the next volume still to appear. What Morley does do is tally up the total works, his failures as well as successes. He accounts for every month of the lively life, in discreet where discretion is a matter of taste and is outspoken about public areas where Coward has looked weak.

One of these alleged weaknesses is Coward's wartime activities. It turns out that while he seemed to be evading England, he was on secret propaganda work in France, America, Australia and the Far East.

## A Birthday Salute

As a reporter for Stars and Stripes, the American Army newspaper, I ran into Coward in the Middle East one day during World War II. That day he'd done eight one-hour performances in as many hospital wards. In an open-air theater an audience of some 5,000 Allied servicemen were waiting to be entertained by a famous American comedian who, at that moment, had decided he was "too tired" to perform. What he really was was drunk. Coward went on for him instead but made me promise not to write the story, as he did again only a couple of years ago.

Now, as a 70th-birthday salute because it suggests the deeper spirit of the man. He said then: "We all have times when we do the wrong thing, so let's protect old so-n-so."

Coward's flip, facile image began with publicity surrounding his first real success, "The Vortex," which concerned an uneasy mother-son relationship, the mother a nymphomaniac and the son a dope addict. (So, what else is new?)

Apart from the play's subject, though its theme is intensely moral, Coward startled the public by being photographed in bed, smoking and wearing "a dressing gown apparently made out of material rejected by a bad tour of 'The Mikado.'"



New York Review of Books, Opera World.

The early image is patently false. Morley's tracing and 18 pages of chronological appendix deny it.

For, however facile, no one could have achieved so much without sheer work. The impressive fact of his career is that, for all his success at the frivolous—such pieces as "Private Lives" and "Billie's Spirit"—there have been "Cavalcade," "This Happy Breed," "In Which We Serve," "Brief Encounter" and two serious plays that didn't get very serious attention, "Peace in Our Time" and "Post Mortem."

The range, as writer, composer and performer, is extraordinary and in the downs and ups of his long career there certainly has been a talent to amuse. In a discussion about modern playwrights not long ago, he wrote:

"Consider the public. Treat it with tact and courtesy. It will accept much from you if you are clever enough to win it to your side. Never fear it nor despise it. Coax it, charm it, interest it, stimulate it, shock it now and then if you must. Make it laugh, make it cry and make it think, but above all, dear players, in spite of indiscriminate and largely ignorant critical acclaim, in spite of awards and prizes and other dubious accolades, never, never, never bore the living hell out of it."

## PEOPLE: 40,000 Yule Cards From the Nixons

President and Mrs. Nixon have started a busy Yuletide season by sending out 40,000 Christmas cards to friends. "It's nice to have that many friends and acquaintances" remarked the First Lady. The Nixons' first Christmas in the White House will be marked by several big parties and receptions and dinners, and Mrs. Nixon is already supervising decorations in the State rooms. "We have a whole new thing going on the tree this year," said the First Lady, adding that it will be decorated for the first time with ornaments designed and made by the hands of the children. A \$25,000 antique crocheted doily by platinum magnate Charles Engelhart will be spotlighted in the East Room for the holidays, and the White House will be decorated with holly by Dec. 14, when Bob Hope brings his Christmas show for a dress rehearsal before going overseas to entertain American troops. Absent for the holidays, however, will be the Nixons' youngest daughter and son-in-law, Julie and David Eisenhower, who will spend their holidays in Brussels where David's father, Col. John Eisenhower, is Ambassador to Belgium.

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